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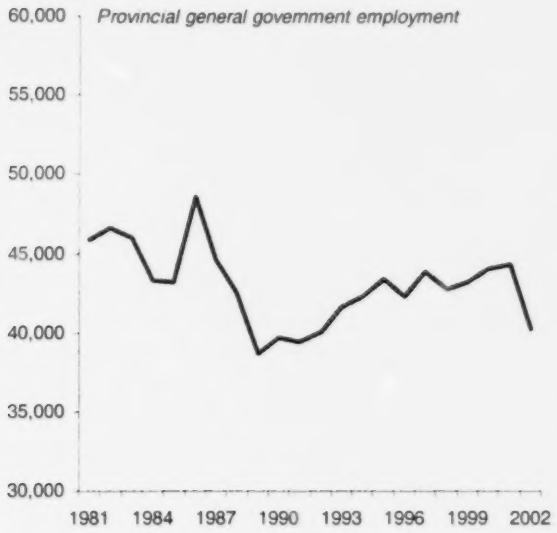
Is the provincial public sector shrinking?

The number of government workers in BC fell sharply last year, partly because many employees took advantage of a buyout package



During the last two years, British Columbia's government has been engaged in an effort to reduce the size and impact of the public sector on the province's economy. Ministry budgets were trimmed, resulting in various staffing actions. At the same time, buyout packages were offered to civil servants in BC who were either approaching retirement age, or were prepared to consider a career outside the provincial government. The reshuffling and reorganization that took place in the government following the voluntary departures and early retirements helped minimize the number of people who involuntarily lost their jobs.

However, the process is not yet complete. The full effect will not become evident for some time. Ministries were given up to three years to implement budget reductions and in some cases the changes will not be fully adopted until March 2004. Other ministries have already made the required adjustments so, all things being equal, are unlikely to see further reductions in the size of their workforce in this fiscal year.

The buyout package that was first offered in the 2001/02 fiscal year was repeated in 2002/03. The deadline for the second round of early retirements or voluntary departures was March 31st. Whether or not the package will be offered again is yet to be determined.

The buyout offer–which provided departing employees with up to 12 months salary, and allowed people nearing retirement age to leave the workforce earlier than they might otherwise have planned to–was expensive, given the high take-up rates. Some observers have questioned whether the government is actually saving money, and how the employment numbers have shaken down in the final analysis. Now that employment data for 2002 are available[1], it's possible to shed some light on the issue.

Employment in the BC government has been falling steadily since mid-2001

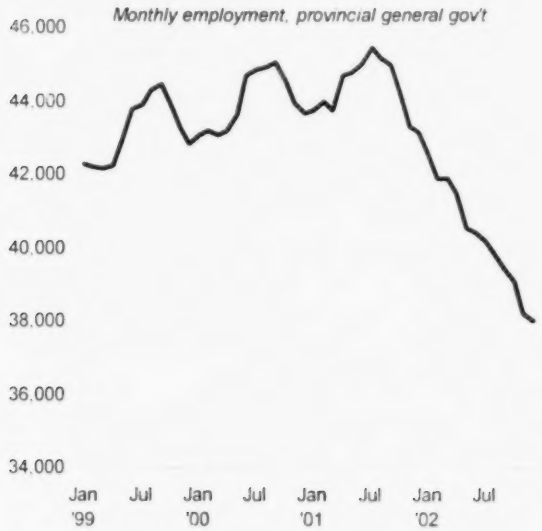
The number of provincial general government[2] workers has declined significantly since 2001. An average of 40,280 people worked in provincial general government last year, considerably

[1] The employment figures used in this report come from the Public Institutions Division (PID) of Statistics Canada. They are preliminary estimates and will be revised at the end of May. The PID data are based on a fairly broad definition of the provincial government, which includes government agencies as well as ministries. More information on the definition can be found in summary form in the September 2002 issue of this report.

[2] General government includes employment in government ministries and agencies such as the WCB.

less (-9.2%) than in 2001, when there were 44,350 people on the payroll. The decline in employment was the first substantial annual decrease since the 1980s and brought the number of people working for the British Columbia government down to the lowest level in a decade. Relative to the size of the population, the number of provincial general government workers fell from 10.8 to 9.7 per 1,000 population in 2002. The employment rate had been at about 10.8 per 1,000 population since 1998.

Provincial general government employment has decreased 16% since mid-2001



Monthly employment figures help illustrate the magnitude of the change that has occurred during the last year and a half. The number of provincial general government workers has been falling steadily since mid-2001, when 45,400 people had jobs at provincial ministries and agencies. By the end of last year, there were 7,400 fewer people on the government payroll. However, not all of the decline can be attributed to layoffs, retirements or voluntary departures. Employment usually peaks during the summer months (when the need for forest protection, silviculture, parks, and other seasonal workers is greatest), drops off in the fall, and then picks up at the beginning of the year. There was no turnaround in 2002.

About half of the workers in provincial general government are employed in establishments that are classified to industries other than public administration. These cover a wide range of activities, from tree planting to construction work, accommodation and food, and insurance services.

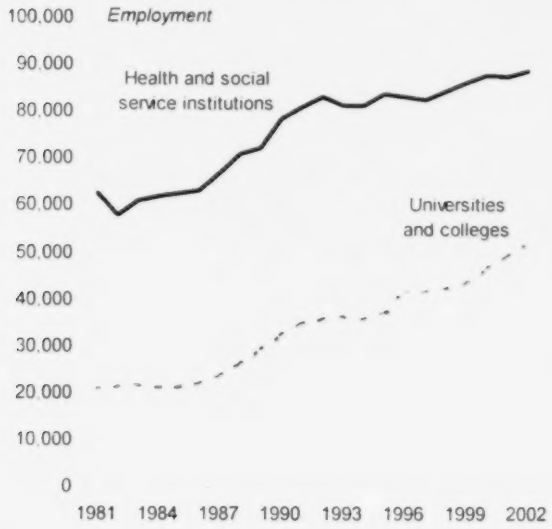
The drop in employment did not translate into immediate savings for the BC government. The wage bill for 2002 fell only modestly (-2.4%), to $2.4 billion[3], partly because many former employees continued to be paid from the public purse for periods of up to 12 months after they left the public service. At the same time, cost-of-living increases, and a re-evaluation of job classifications, put upward pressure on the wage bill.

What's been happening in health and education?

While the number of general government employees in the province has been falling, these workers make up only part of the provincial public sector, which also includes health and social service institutions, universities and colleges and crown corporations. These organizations together employed 165,770 British Columbians last year, more than four times the number in provincial general government. Public sector health and social service institutions (88,930) were the biggest employers. A total of 52,460 people worked at post-secondary institutions, while 24,380 people had jobs at provincial crown corporations.

[3] Source: Statistics Canada

The number of jobs at health, social service, and post-secondary institutions has continued to climb, but at a slower pace



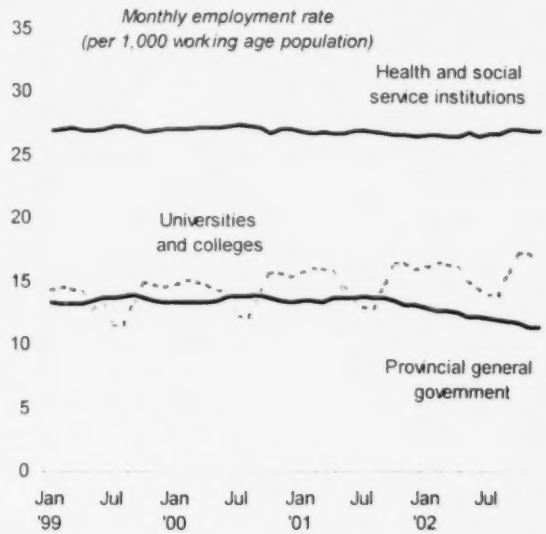
Employment in health care and education has continued to increase over time. The number of jobs at health and social service institutions edged down (-0.2%) in 2001, but bounced back (+1.4%) last year. In post-secondary education, employment has increased in every year since 1998, and continued to expand (+6.3%) in 2002. However, the advance has been slowing.

Relative to the size of the population, the public sector employment rate in health and social services has been very stable (ranging from 20.9 to 21.6 per 1,000 population) since the mid-1990s, indicating that job growth in health and social services has just kept pace with increases in the population. In contrast, the number of people who work at post-secondary institutions has been growing faster than the population. The public sector employment rate at universities and colleges increased from 10.8 to 12.7 per 1,000 population between 1996 and 2002.

Provincial crown corporations had pared down their workforce prior to last year, but employed 3.2% more workers in 2002 than in the previous year. Since 1991, the public sector employment rate for provincial crown corporations has fallen from 6.7 to 5.9 per 1,000 population.

Because these employment figures do not distinguish between full-time and part-time workers, it is not possible to ascertain how many of the jobs involve full-time work. The extent to which employers (or employees) choose to offer (or seek) part-time employment can play a big role in job gains or losses over time.

While the employment rate in general government has declined during the last year and a half, job growth in health and post-secondary education has met or exceeded increases in the population[4]



General government employment is shrinking, but the provincial public sector has continued to grow

The reduction in the size of the civil service is real: the number of people working for government ministries and agencies has fallen

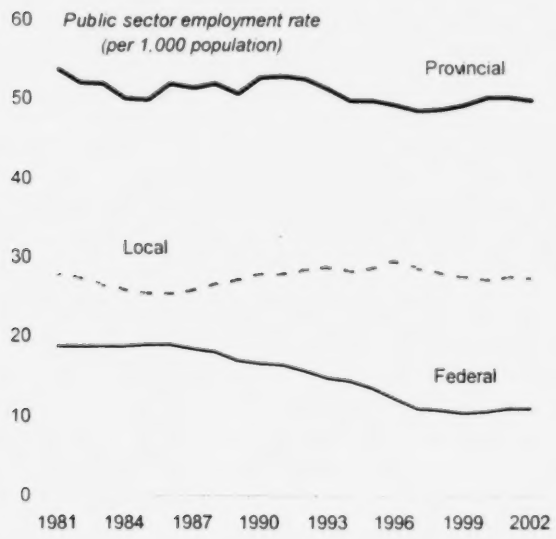
[4] Monthly population figures are only available from the Labour Force Survey. The employment rates in this figure are based on **working age** rather than total population.

substantially during the last year and a half. At the same time, the number of jobs in health, social services and post-secondary institutions has continued to expand, but at a slower pace than in the past. As a result, total employment in the province's public sector (general government plus institutions and crown corporations) edged up 0.5% in 2002. By comparison, both the federal and local public sectors increased their workforces by 0.9% last year.

Employment in the provincial, local and federal government sectors is growing at about the same rate as the population

The employment rate in the provincial public sector has remained fairly stable at about 50 workers per 1,000 population since 2002. Employment rates at the local and federal levels have also changed only marginally in recent years.

The provincial public sector employment rate has remained stable despite substantial reductions in general government employment



Over the longer term, however, the size of the federal public sector in BC has declined substantially. There were 52,800 federal public sector workers in the province in 1981. By 2002, average employment had fallen to 44,890. Employment in the local government sector (including those employed by school boards) expanded from 112,570 to 167,380 over the same period, while the provincial government sector grew from 151,960 to 206,045.

Smoke and mirrors? Why don't we see a big decline in spending?

Given the substantial decline in the number of provincial general government employment during the last year and a half, why hasn't the budgetary situation improved more? There are a number of reason for this, some of which have already been mentioned. First, because of the buyout packages offered to departing employees, the full effect of the staff reductions was not felt immediately. Second, the budget cutbacks will not be completely implemented until 2004. Third, cost of living increases and job reclassifications under the collective agreement have offset some of the savings from a reduction in staff. Additionally, employment in the rest of the provincial public sector has not been declining. The number of jobs in health and education has kept pace with, or exceeded, recent population growth.

Wages account for about 9% of total government spending–less than interest on the public debt

Reducing the number of provincial government jobs is a highly visible way of cutting back on spending, but even large reductions in staff levels can have only a limited effect on the overall budgetary picture, since wages make up a relatively small percentage of total government spending. The wage bill[5] for government ministries and agencies accounts for about 9% of total spending, an amount that is slightly less than interest charges on the public debt (11%).

[5] This data comes from Statistics Canada, and differs from the information in the Public Accounts because it uses a broader definition of government.

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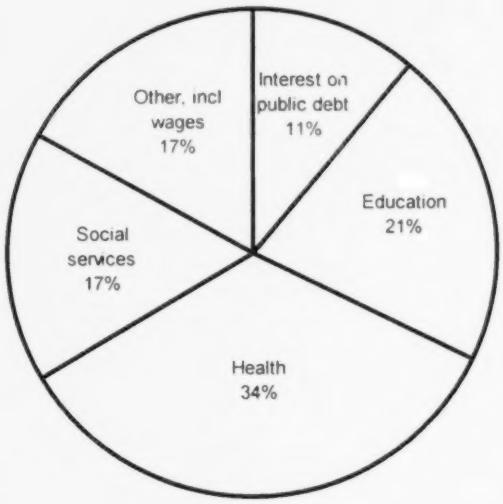
The bulk of provincial government spending goes to pay for health care, education and social services. Those expenditures not only support public institutions (and pay the wages of the people working in them), but they also pay for income assistance, drug coverage, visits to doctors and various types of social programs.

Three out of every four dollars spent by the provincial government are used to fund health, education and social services



The recent budget cuts, together with the buy-out offers, have brought the size of BC's provincial public sector (relative to the population) more in line with that in provinces such as Ontario and Alberta. While the full effect of the reduction in employment is not yet known, once the cuts have been completely implemented, it is possible that BC could end up with the leanest provincial public sector in the country.

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Some series subject to irregular fluctuations are presented on a **three month moving average** basis. All such series included in this report are also seasonally adjusted. Where space is limited these are tagged 3MMA SA.

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Abbreviations

3MMA SA: three month moving average, seasonally adjusted

Ave: average

bd ft: board feet

C6: a group of six currencies including European Monetary Union Euro, British pound, French franc, German mark, Swiss franc, and Japanese yen

Can: Canada, Canadian

GW.h.: gigawatt hour = watt hour x 10^9

m3: cubic metres

mil: million

MLS: Multiple Listing Service

Moly: molybdenum

mth: month (as in: previous mth)

NAICS: North American Industrial Classification System

SA: seasonally adjusted

T.S.E.: Toronto Stock Exhange

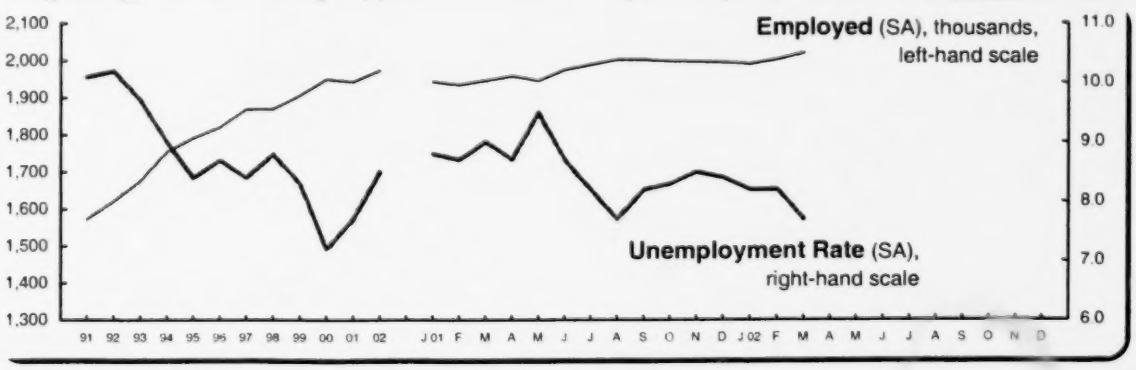
US: United States of America

WSPF: Western spruce-pine-fir

1 Labour and Earnings

Source: Statistics Canada

	Labour Force Activity						Earnings		Employment Insurance: Regular E.I. Benefits	
Period	Labour Force	Employed	Unemployment Rate	Participation Rate	Average Actual Hours Worked	Help Wanted Index	Wages and Salaries	Average Weekly Wage Rate	Number of Beneficiaries	$
	Thousands of persons		%		Number	1996=100	$ million	$	(Persons)	thousand
	Seasonally Adjusted				Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted			Unadjusted	
1999	2,079.1	1,906.4	8.3	65.1	32.5	129.1	56,264.0	625.22	819,450	1,003,814.9
2000	2,099.7	1,949.1	7.2	64.9	33.3	147.1	60,270.3	637.07	699,280	847,365.1
2001	2,103.5	1,942.4	7.7	64.1	32.2	117.8	61,636.3	645.70	745,890	957,361.4
2002	2,157.8	1,973.4	8.5	64.9	32.0	92.1	62,934.6	667.51	783,830	1,072,980.3
Jan-01	2,095.1	1,942.9	7.3	64.3	33.3	137.2	5,157.0	640.63	74,160	104,218.5
Feb-01	2,108.4	1,954.1	7.3	64.6	33.3	133.3	5,187.1	643.13	73,010	88,292.4
Mar-01	2,111.9	1,973.4	6.6	64.7	33.7	129.9	5,160.5	650.17	68,240	82,012.7
Apr-01	2,102.9	1,955.7	7.0	64.3	31.0	127.0	5,127.3	650.42	64,810	86,742.6
May-01	2,113.8	1,969.8	6.8	64.6	33.1	124.2	5,148.5	649.78	59,770	77,271.1
Jun-01	2,100.3	1,948.7	7.2	64.1	33.3	121.1	5,137.0	649.40	53,120	65,653.3
Jul-01	2,102.8	1,946.3	7.4	64.1	31.1	117.5	5,116.2	638.50	55,700	73,137.9
Aug-01	2,099.1	1,929.3	8.1	63.9	30.0	113.3	5,119.2	642.30	57,000	70,407.7
Sep-01	2,089.3	1,925.4	7.8	63.5	32.9	108.8	5,096.6	645.68	46,880	67,255.0
Oct-01	2,092.3	1,918.0	8.3	63.5	29.4	104.4	5,095.8	643.68	52,400	69,695.6
Nov-01	2,105.6	1,924.7	8.6	63.9	32.3	100.6	5,126.5	650.84	64,860	76,593.3
Dec-01	2,121.4	1,916.9	9.6	64.3	32.7	97.9	5,164.6	643.66	75,940	96,081.3
Jan-02	2,130.1	1,942.4	8.8	64.5	32.7	96.1	5,178.7	656.05	86,240	126,382.5
Feb-02	2,118.7	1,933.7	8.7	64.1	32.7	95.2	5,185.5	656.21	51,080	105,181.7
Mar-02	2,137.1	1,945.3	9.0	64.5	32.9	94.8	5,158.2	663.44	80,460	97,688.8
Apr-02	2,143.1	1,957.2	8.7	64.6	33.1	94.7	5,176.4	668.06	73,820	112,710.7
May-02	2,148.4	1,944.8	9.5	64.7	33.4	94.6	5,206.4	670.27	66,480	84,417.3
Jun-02	2,161.5	1,974.1	8.7	65.0	33.4	96.4	5,215.5	668.57	59,980	74,038.7
Jul-02	2,164.6	1,987.8	8.2	65.0	31.4	97.9	5,236.6	663.53	60,250	84,237.6
Aug-02	2,167.7	2,001.6	7.7	65.1	30.6	96.8	5,252.9	667.96	61,770	75,653.8
Sep-02	2,179.4	2,001.3	8.2	65.3	33.0	93.8	5,271.9	668.84	51,480	78,346.4
Oct-02	2,179.3	1,997.9	8.3	65.3	29.0	90.3	5,308.4	671.53	55,780	65,877.8
Nov-02	2,183.1	1,997.2	8.5	65.3	29.3	87.1	5,363.6	678.18	64,450	72,695.9
Dec-02	2,176.9	1,994.6	8.4	65.1	32.1	86.3	5,380.6	676.45	72,040	95,749.2
Jan-03	2,167.3	1,990.3	8.2	64.8	32.2	85.5	-	679.52	79,480	108,603.0
Feb-03	2,180.1	2,002.0	8.2	65.1	32.7	85.1	-	679.14	77,400	94,696.8
Mar-03	2,187.6	2,019.7	7.7	65.3	32.8	82.9	-	682.00	-	-
Apr-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 2,178.3	a 2,004.0	a 8.0	a 65.1	a 32.6	a 84.5	t 62,934 6	a 680.22	a 78,440	t 203.3
% change	2.3	3.3	n/a	n/a	-0.6	-11.4	2.1	3.3	14.2	-12.2
Last 12 months	2,169.9	1,989.0	8.4	65.1	31.9	91.0	62,934.6	672.84	66,949	1,044,715.9
Previous 12	2,109.5	1,938.0	8.1	64.1	32.0	108.4	61,636.3	649.16	61,337	996,414.7
% change	2.9	2.6	n/a	n/a	-0.3	-16.1	2.1	3.6	9.2	4.8
% ch year ago	2.4	3.8	n/a	n/a	-0.3	-12.6	4.2	2.8	51.5	-10.0
% ch prev mnth	0.3	0.9	n/a	n/a	0.3	-2.6	0.3	0.4	-2.6	-12.8



2 Employment by Industry — Goods

Source: Statistics Canada, 2001 unadjusted data est. by BC Stats.

Period	Goods Producing	Agriculture	Forestry	Fishing & Trapping	Mining	Utilites	Construction	Manufacturing			
								Food	Wood	Paper	Total
	Thousands of persons										
	SA		Unadjusted			SA		Unadjusted			SA
1999	396.5	28.6	30.2	4.0	14.8	11.5	115.3	18.4	42.0	22.3	192.2
2000	414.4	29.7	37.1	4.8	13.4	11.3	112.5	19.8	46.5	17.7	205.4
2001	392.0	25.9	26.1	5.4	11.8	11.7	114.9	22.5	49.5	15.0	196.2
2002	399.0	30.1	25.9	3.3	9.7	12.4	120.6	23.8	44.7	16.7	196.9
Jan-01	400.1	24.0	30.2	2.5	12.6	10.2	104.7	23.4	51.2	12.5	212.8
Feb-01	405.8	30.3	29.3	4.1	10.6	10.7	111.8	22.7	53.4	14.2	207.2
Mar-01	411.5	29.4	24.2	8.9	10.1	10.3	118.6	26.5	54.2	14.5	208.8
Apr-01	408.4	28.4	21.2	7.5	8.2	13.1	119.6	24.8	49.1	15.8	205.7
May-01	398.6	23.8	24.4	8.0	10.1	13.2	118.5	26.3	50.5	17.8	199.6
Jun-01	393.2	23.6	23.7	6.5	11.8	12.7	119.2	27.2	47.6	18.7	196.3
Jul-01	392.0	24.3	28.3	5.9	11.1	12.8	121.0	21.5	51.8	17.9	191.4
Aug-01	388.7	27.0	30.3	5.1	12.6	12.9	113.0	23.3	50.3	16.0	190.9
Sep-01	391.0	25.5	29.5	4.4	14.6	11.7	114.2	20.1	49.3	12.8	194.1
Oct-01	380.0	24.9	27.4	3.5	13.7	11.9	115.1	20.4	47.1	12.9	186.1
Nov-01	371.5	26.3	23.4	4.3	13.1	10.6	113.9	17.1	42.9	13.5	180.1
Dec-01	363.6	24.8	21.4	3.9	12.4	10.0	107.8	16.9	46.3	13.8	182.6
Jan-02	381.0	25.3	21.3	2.8	12.4	12.8	119.4	16.3	41.9	16.3	184.4
Feb-02	384.2	24.7	23.9	1.7	11.6	11.0	114.6	21.5	47.1	17.6	195.1
Mar-02	387.2	26.2	25.0	2.1	11.2	12.3	113.3	18.7	50.3	21.1	195.8
Apr-02	388.6	26.2	22.0	2.5	9.3	11.2	116.8	20.0	48.4	19.0	196.2
May-02	385.7	28.5	24.2	2.3	8.8	14.1	117.5	20.2	48.3	19.4	189.4
Jun-02	392.8	30.4	23.1	2.6	9.6	13.7	117.7	24.4	44.8	18.1	196.1
Jul-02	401.9	30.2	26.2	3.0	10.5	12.7	120.7	27.6	45.1	16.7	200.9
Aug-02	408.7	31.8	28.5	4.9	8.2	12.1	125.3	30.1	44.0	14.0	200.9
Sep-02	410.3	33.1	29.8	4.1	8.8	12.2	124.6	30.8	40.8	15.5	200.5
Oct-02	414.7	33.5	29.7	5.4	9.4	11.4	128.4	27.5	41.0	15.3	199.8
Nov-02	413.8	33.1	28.5	4.3	8.2	12.3	124.1	26.8	41.0	12.9	203.5
Dec-02	416.5	35.9	28.6	4.2	8.5	13.0	123.9	22.1	43.4	14.7	201.6
Jan-03	416.0	33.4	28.8	6.4	7.6	12.2	124.1	24.1	43.4	18.3	201.3
Feb-03	421.9	35.7	28.3	4.0	12.2	13.4	119.7	26.5	49.9	15.8	207.0
Mar-03	435.3	39.6	29.0	4.1	15.5	14.6	121.8	24.0	50.7	15.5	210.0
Apr-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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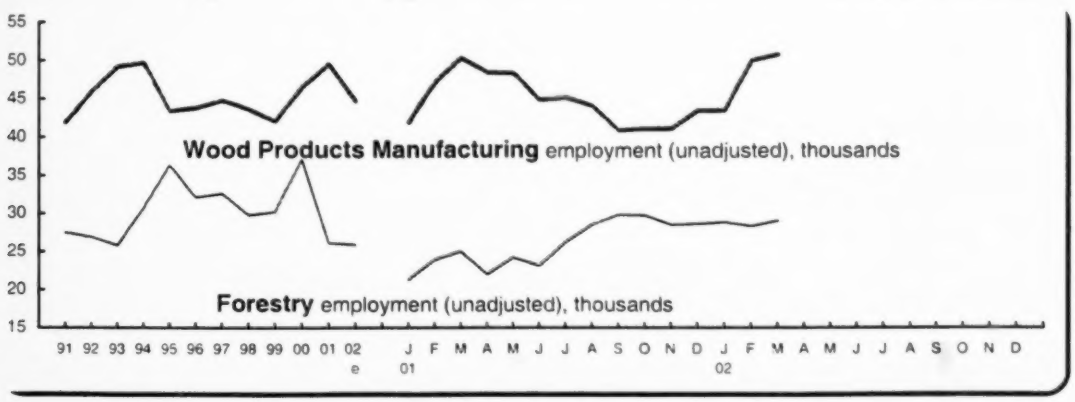
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 424.4	a 36.2	a 28.7	a 4.8	a 11.8	a 13.4	a 121.9	a 24.9	a 48.0	a 16.5	a 206.1
% change	10.5	42.7	22.6	119.7	0.3	11.4	5.3	32.0	3.4	-9.8	7.5
Last 12 months	408.9	32.6	27.2	4.0	9.7	12.7	122.1	25.3	45.1	16.3	200.6
Previous 12	386.6	25.4	25.0	4.6	11.9	12.1	115.8	21.2	47.9	16.2	191.8
% change	5.8	28.4	9.0	-14.2	-18.3	5.4	5.4	19.7	-5.8	0.5	4.6
% ch. year ago	12.4	51.1	16.0	95.2	38.4	18.7	7.5	28.3	0.8	-26.5	7.3
% ch. prev mnth	3.2	10.9	2.5	2.5	27.0	9.0	1.8	-9.4	1.6	-1.9	1.4



3 Employment by Industry — Services

Source: Statistics Canada

Period	Service Producing Sectors	Trade	Transportation & Warehousing	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Professional Scientific Technical	Education	Health & Social Assistance	Information, Culture & Recreation	Accommodation	Public Administration
	Thousands of persons									
	Seasonally Adjusted									
1999	1,509.9	308.5	117.9	119.9	136.7	127.5	195.2	91.6	152.7	90.4
2000	1,534.7	303.2	114.4	119.5	136.4	134.9	202.1	99.3	164.0	89.7
2001	1,550.4	309.5	106.9	116.2	141.0	135.7	203.8	106.2	170.6	88.8
2002	1,574.4	319.0	110.1	118.9	136.7	139.7	217.3	105.6	171.0	84.7
Jan-01	1,542.8	307.9	108.2	122.9	138.1	131.2	194.1	108.0	170.7	86.8
Feb-01	1,548.4	301.1	106.6	122.8	138.9	136.6	188.3	110.2	182.5	89.1
Mar-01	1,562.0	309.4	114.3	118.4	138.5	130.6	205.1	114.7	175.8	89.4
Apr-01	1,547.3	301.4	110.4	122.0	143.3	132.5	198.7	108.5	168.8	90.9
May-01	1,571.2	312.4	105.8	118.3	141.9	137.4	209.6	108.5	172.0	96.3
Jun-01	1,555.5	303.4	103.9	119.7	151.7	130.2	211.4	103.2	165.4	90.7
Jul-01	1,554.4	304.1	105.4	115.4	146.6	133.3	213.2	103.3	168.9	88.6
Aug-01	1,540.6	307.9	105.8	118.4	142.2	133.1	208.2	103.4	168.6	88.5
Sep-01	1,534.4	311.5	108.5	111.0	140.3	134.8	204.2	102.3	163.4	84.7
Oct-01	1,538.1	313.3	106.7	111.1	142.4	137.1	197.2	104.7	169.8	84.5
Nov-01	1,553.3	322.6	107.2	106.2	137.7	146.4	203.0	102.9	162.8	89.3
Dec-01	1,553.3	317.5	100.3	108.6	131.0	140.6	212.2	104.3	179.5	85.8
Jan-02	1,561.4	311.2	106.4	115.6	137.0	138.7	215.3	108.0	175.1	83.5
Feb-02	1,549.5	311.9	107.0	111.7	140.8	134.7	210.2	101.7	175.7	81.0
Mar-02	1,558.1	303.2	104.8	110.0	136.0	139.5	211.4	107.1	180.1	84.1
Apr-02	1,568.6	321.1	106.2	108.2	134.9	143.1	216.3	103.4	179.0	81.4
May-02	1,559.1	320.4	107.0	111.5	135.8	138.9	213.6	99.3	173.1	82.1
Jun-02	1,581.4	319.0	109.4	118.9	137.6	141.0	218.7	107.1	172.1	84.5
Jul-02	1,586.0	323.8	113.0	118.8	131.5	141.7	222.4	109.2	170.2	87.6
Aug-02	1,593.0	323.5	108.7	123.5	135.8	147.0	218.0	118.1	167.0	86.1
Sep-02	1,591.1	323.8	116.7	123.9	142.7	141.9	218.0	103.1	166.1	88.8
Oct-02	1,583.2	322.0	114.9	128.4	134.9	137.7	223.8	100.2	165.1	87.3
Nov-02	1,583.5	321.6	111.7	127.8	137.2	136.1	220.9	106.1	167.1	84.8
Dec-02	1,578.1	324.9	115.4	128.9	135.5	138.2	219.6	102.7	161.9	84.2
Jan-03	1,574.2	328.3	116.7	128.4	128.4	148.4	207.5	101.1	162.6	83.1
Feb-03	1,580.1	323.6	116.6	127.9	129.0	150.0	211.8	101.2	159.8	89.4
Mar-03	1,584.4	318.7	119.8	127.7	131.0	153.7	211.6	101.7	159.6	86.0
Apr-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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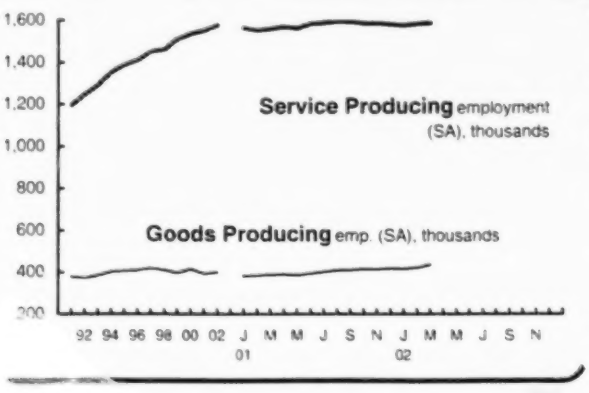
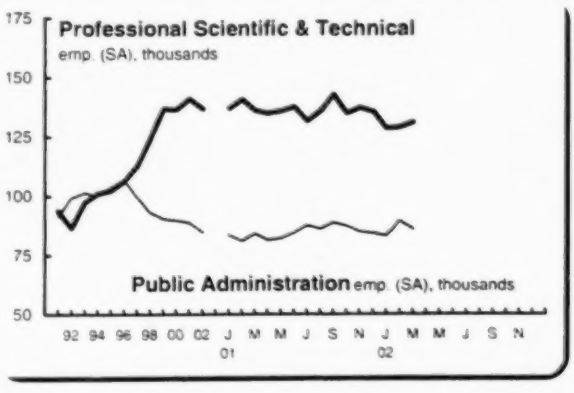
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 1,579.6	a 323.5	a 117.7	a 128.0	a 129.5	a 150.7	a 210.3	a 101.3	a 160.7	a 86.2
% change	1.5	4.8	11.0	13.8	-6.1	9.5	-0.9	-4.0	-9.2	4.0
Last 12 months	1,580.2	322.6	113.0	122.8	134.5	143.1	216.9	104.4	167.0	85.4
Previous 12	1,551.4	310.0	106.0	114.0	140.9	136.5	207.9	104.8	170.8	87.3
% change	1.9	4.0	6.6	7.7	-4.5	4.8	4.3	-0.4	-2.3	-2.2
% ch. year ago	1.7	5.1	14.3	16.1	-3.7	10.2	0.1	-5.0	-11.4	2.3
% ch. prev mnth	0.3	-1.5	2.7	-0.2	1.6	2.5	-0.1	0.5	-0.1	-3.8





4 Business & Consumer

Incorporations/Corporate & Personal Registries, BC Gov. CPI, Retail, MV Sales/Statistics Canada

	Business			Consumer				
	Business	Bankruptcies (Office of Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada)		Consumer	Retail Sales		New Motor Vehicle Sales	
	Incorporations	Business	Consumer	Price Index (BC)	All Stores	Department Stores	Units	Value
	Number			(1992=100)	$ million		Number	$ thousand
Period	Unadjusted				SA		Unadjusted	
1999	21,009	1,077	8,181	111.2	33,684.3	2,202.0	157,213	4,865,611
2000	21,515	980	9,184	113.3	35,820.6	2,151.5	167,770	5,286,870
2001	19,749	1,101	9,476	115.2	37,979.1	2,344.8	172,606	5,356,640
2002	21,262	1,107	9,531	117.9	40,272.6	2,425.2	195,132	6,151,629
Jan-01	1,595	93	773	114.5	3,077.4	134.2	10,600	326,444
Feb-01	1,466	86	818	112.6	3,114.5	137.5	10,713	334,033
Mar-01	2,175	93	912	113.3	3,111.6	169.1	15,574	496,910
Apr-01	1,494	92	744	115.0	3,116.0	172.9	15,568	486,416
May-01	1,842	90	892	115.6	3,151.2	182.9	17,983	546,264
Jun-01	1,661	88	847	116.3	3,181.8	183.9	17,106	532,138
Jul-01	1,585	79	694	116.3	3,180.8	183.4	13,945	425,172
Aug-01	1,536	87	827	116.1	3,183.6	193.7	14,394	437,731
Sep-01	1,383	70	711	116.7	3,173.6	182.5	13,340	407,631
Oct-01	1,785	117	840	115.8	3,177.0	202.1	12,991	403,885
Nov-01	1,667	109	795	114.9	3,222.4	234.3	14,556	459,236
Dec-01	1,560	96	621	114.8	3,289.1	368.3	15,836	500,780
Jan-02	1,504	103	805	115.4	3,285.2	144.3	13,737	432,290
Feb-02	1,876	118	803	115.9	3,312.7	143.6	13,965	439,351
Mar-02	1,655	104	861	116.6	3,300.9	176.5	16,071	504,331
Apr-02	1,944	119	846	117.7	3,329.8	182.0	17,098	536,147
May-02	1,849	97	817	118.1	3,371.8	196.7	20,729	640,620
Jun-02	1,624	83	809	118.2	3,410.6	195.9	20,099	632,543
Jul-02	2,034	85	796	118.5	3,347.6	188.6	17,009	537,576
Aug-02	1,524	88	797	118.7	3,359.7	198.6	15,728	488,008
Sep-02	1,755	66	795	118.8	3,357.8	187.0	14,829	472,900
Oct-02	2,000	97	851	118.7	3,398.6	201.3	14,986	474,423
Nov-02	1,901	61	717	118.9	3,416.0	243.6	14,557	472,875
Dec-02	1,596	84	630	118.8	3,381.9	367.2	16,324	520,565
Jan-03	2,122	101	731	119.0	3,445.7	150.1	12,828	407,722
Feb-03	1,804	93	857	119.6	3,468.1	149.8	13,736	439,599
Mar-03	1,952	-	-	120.6	-	-	-	-
Apr-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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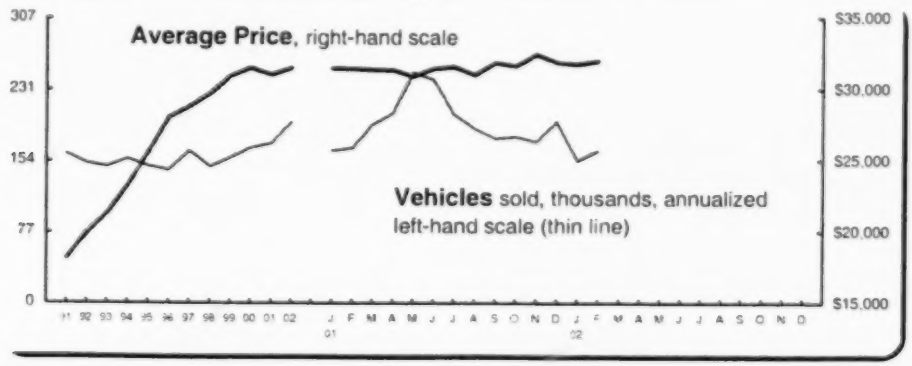
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 5,878	t 194	t 1,588	a 119.7	t 6,913.9	t 300.0	t 26,564	t 847,321
% change	16.7	-12.2	-1.2	3.2	4.8	4.2	-4.1	-2.8
Last 12 months	22,105	1,078	9,507	118.8	40,588.6	2,437.4	193,994	6,127,309
Previous 12	19,548	1,142	9,491	115.8	38,385.1	2,361.0	178,995	5,567,804
% change	13.1	-5.6	0.2	2.6	5.7	3.2	8.4	10.0
% ch. year ago	17.9	-21.2	6.7	3.4	4.7	4.4	-1.6	0.1
% ch. prev mnth	8.2	-7.9	17.2	0.8	0.6	-0.2	7.1	7.8



5 Foreign Trade & Commodities

Exports, Imports/Statistics Canada. Lumber/Madison's. Metals/London Metal Exchange. Oil/W Texas Intermed.

	BC Origin Exports to			Imports	Commodity Prices in Canadian $ (conversion to SC by Treasury Board Staff)						
	Total All Countries	United States	Japan	through BC ports	Lumber WSPF Madison's	Wood Pulp N. Europe	Copper London	Gold London	Silver London	Zinc London	Crude Oil
	$ million				$/1000 bd ft	$/tonne	$/lb.	$/troy oz.	$/troy oz.	$/lb.	$ per Barrel
Period	Unadjusted										
1999	29,113.3	19,370.7	4,468.3	27,169.8	344.86	1,218.08	1.06	413.78	7.77	8.71	28.73
2000	33,749.9	22,196.1	4,890.5	30,804.4	480.11	804.60	1.22	413.95	7.35	9.11	44.88
2001	31,780.0	22,110.1	4,058.0	31,643.7	383.47	839.49	1.11	419.83	6.79	0.62	40.29
2002	28,676.0	19,533.2	3,821.6	31,492.3	368.25	727.84	1.11	486.82	7.23	0.56	37.19
Jan-01	3,055.1	2,134.1	405.4	2,644.6	272.81	1,065.94	1.22	397.99	6.99	0.70	45.18
Feb-01	2,827.2	1,963.4	337.5	2,532.9	287.22	1,045.66	1.22	396.23	6.93	0.70	45.78
Mar-01	2,941.4	2,033.5	370.7	2,900.8	319.16	1,000.51	1.23	410.23	6.87	0.71	42.40
Apr-01	3,143.3	2,254.3	367.0	2,681.0	389.35	928.98	1.18	407.28	6.81	0.69	43.30
May-01	3,158.2	2,303.9	355.7	2,685.4	514.06	869.13	1.18	417.37	6.82	0.66	44.17
Jun-01	2,559.1	1,769.8	344.7	2,895.5	452.75	799.92	1.11	411.17	6.67	0.62	41.94
Jul-01	2,620.6	1,804.0	351.7	2,684.1	406.68	744.71	1.05	408.78	6.50	0.59	40.79
Aug-01	2,545.2	1,805.7	298.1	2,741.5	478.36	706.65	1.03	420.72	6.49	0.58	41.97
Sep-01	2,287.7	1,641.0	289.6	2,538.7	435.04	706.12	1.01	448.65	6.92	0.56	40.75
Oct-01	2,360.3	1,560.1	316.4	2,799.3	347.21	722.28	0.98	443.69	6.88	0.54	34.88
Nov-01	2,219.1	1,472.3	328.5	2,527.5	356.70	743.63	1.03	439.51	6.56	0.56	31.42
Dec-01	2,062.8	1,368.1	292.7	2,012.3	342.32	740.34	1.05	436.31	6.98	0.54	30.92
Jan-02	2,124.7	1,518.9	230.9	2,200.9	374.07	748.73	1.09	450.50	7.20	0.58	31.75
Feb-02	2,211.5	1,538.1	254.1	2,418.0	410.93	726.50	1.13	471.56	7.10	0.61	32.97
Mar-02	2,531.4	1,745.4	333.0	2,450.4	463.73	699.27	1.16	466.68	7.25	0.63	38.95
Apr-02	2,619.6	1,860.7	281.7	2,780.4	433.29	685.73	1.14	478.65	7.29	0.58	40.85
May-02	2,653.6	1,891.0	353.8	2,494.2	409.42	696.57	1.12	487.35	7.26	0.54	41.49
Jun-02	2,293.5	1,460.0	331.1	2,621.9	379.09	722.21	1.15	491.77	7.49	0.53	39.06
Jul-02	2,408.8	1,597.9	349.4	2,641.2	374.50	749.23	1.10	484.88	7.60	0.55	41.89
Aug-02	2,424.2	1,657.5	350.8	2,705.5	354.35	769.87	1.05	486.68	7.12	0.56	44.86
Sep-02	2,390.9	1,622.9	316.2	2,914.8	315.17	766.30	1.05	503.47	7.18	0.54	47.02
Oct-02	2,451.3	1,651.8	354.4	2,944.4	309.25	749.38	1.06	499.47	6.95	0.54	45.68
Nov-02	2,271.1	1,509.5	313.7	2,730.9	287.96	724.98	1.13	501.38	7.09	0.55	41.75
Dec-02	2,295.7	1,479.6	352.6	2,589.6	307.19	695.33	1.13	519.43	7.23	0.56	-
Jan-03	2,382.2	1,598.6	305.6	2,433.7	324.84	680.02	1.15	549.76	7.39	0.55	-
Feb-03	2,445.1	1,639.7	296.4	2,447.8	345.58	717.26	1.15	542.89	6.96	0.54	-
Mar-03	-	-	-	-	317.91	746.39	1.11	502.24	6.69	0.53	-
Apr-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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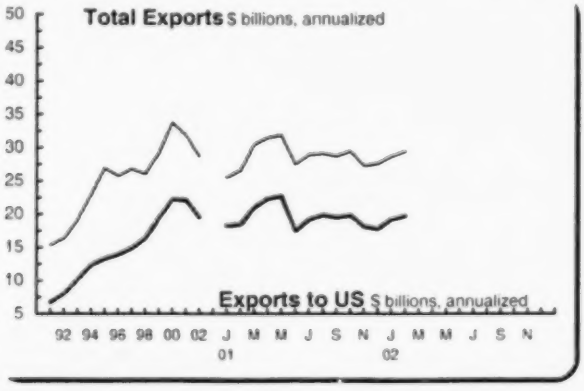
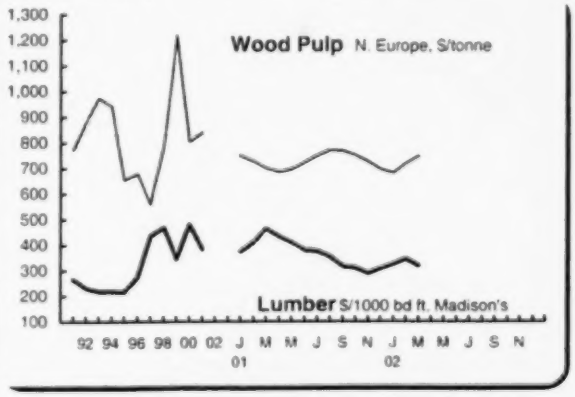
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 4,827.3	t 3,238.3	t 602.0	t 4,881.6	a 329.44	a 714.56	a 1.14	a 531.63	a 7.01	a 0.54	a 40.57
% change	11.3	5.9	24.1	5.7	-20.9	-1.4	0.9	14.8	-2.4	-11.0	-1.4
Last 12 months	29,167.1	19,714.5	3,938.6	31,755.0	346.55	725.27	1.11	504.00	7.19	0.55	39.77
Previous 12	30,233.8	21,069.6	3,800.2	31,085.0	414.27	761.36	1.08	435.19	6.85	0.60	41.34
% change	-3.5	-6.4	3.6	2.2	-16.3	-4.7	2.6	15.8	5.0	-8.2	-3.8
% ch. year ago	10.6	6.6	16.6	1.2	-31.4	6.7	-4.3	7.6	-7.7	-15.9	32.9
% ch. prev mnth	2.6	2.6	-3.0	0.6	-8.0	4.1	-3.5	-7.5	-3.9	-1.9	-8.6

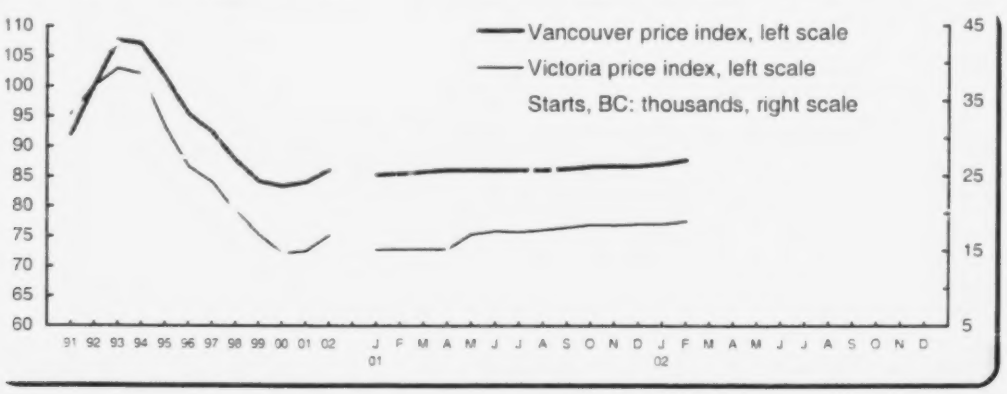




6 Construction and Housing

Housing Starts/Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation. MLS/Multiple Listing Service

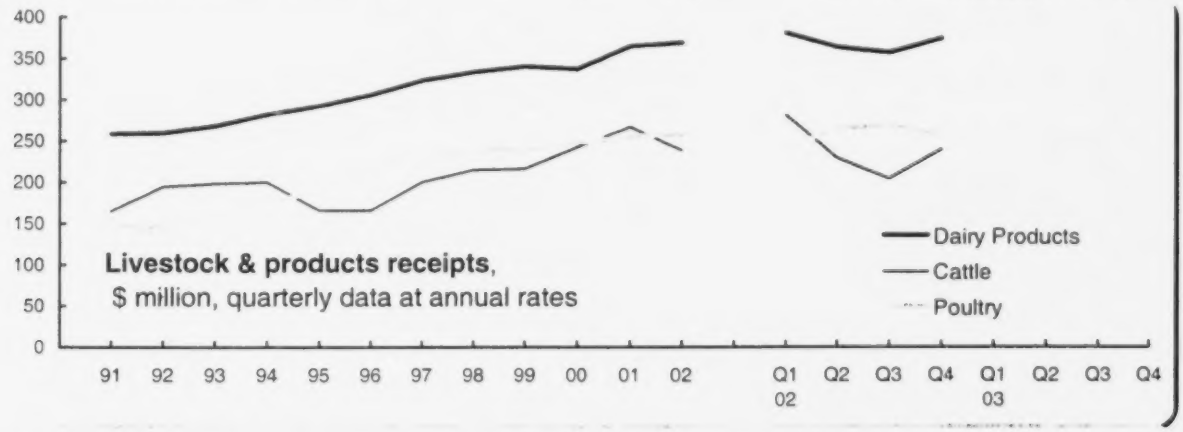
	Building Permits (Source: Statistics Canada)				Housing Starts	New House Price Index (Source: Statistics Canada)		MLS® Average
	Residential	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Government	All Areas	Vancouver	Victoria	Sale Price
	$ thousand				Thousands	1992=100		$
Period	Seasonally Adjusted				SAAR	Unadjusted		
1999	2,591,740	319,145	1,142,105	642,511	16.3	84.1	75.3	215,283
2000	2,403,140	295,525	1,297,270	496,062	14.4	83.3	72.1	216,989
2001	2,829,874	221,353	1,171,233	732,312	17.2	84.0	72.5	220,952
2002	3,888,147	230,119	1,116,741	424,408	21.6	86.0	75.1	236,886
Jan-01	255,306	13,334	106,066	40,488	18.6	83.0	72.0	212,316
Feb-01	192,025	17,744	152,825	42,311	15.7	83.1	72.3	219,457
Mar-01	220,914	34,167	105,780	35,866	14.5	83.2	72.3	220,108
Apr-01	209,409	21,389	123,401	94,240	17.4	83.3	72.3	218,326
May-01	273,919	18,884	106,136	81,775	17.5	83.5	72.4	225,365
Jun-01	252,338	16,692	112,650	62,600	18.4	83.6	72.4	220,747
Jul-01	253,825	20,184	98,679	100,429	17.5	84.1	72.6	223,208
Aug-01	222,431	20,077	89,505	50,023	15.1	84.2	72.6	222,995
Sep-01	203,800	16,860	72,013	116,597	17.6	84.5	72.5	222,817
Oct-01	292,208	17,653	75,726	49,949	19.2	84.8	72.6	218,773
Nov-01	199,559	14,551	68,478	28,268	17.5	85.1	72.7	220,346
Dec-01	254,141	9,818	59,974	29,766	17.0	85.0	72.7	226,524
Jan-02	267,208	9,047	126,551	15,140	19.9	85.2	72.7	226,103
Feb-02	298,083	7,837	70,847	28,726	17.3	85.4	72.8	236,640
Mar-02	314,262	8,965	75,508	45,184	21.2	85.7	72.8	238,831
Apr-02	355,054	40,967	90,266	30,001	15.4	86.0	72.8	239,795
May-02	280,270	13,653	76,347	45,177	21.5	86.0	75.3	239,041
Jun-02	291,375	18,780	126,673	42,078	23.5	86.0	75.8	235,074
Jul-02	295,338	44,226	83,454	40,013	20.8	86.0	75.7	230,963
Aug-02	346,185	21,649	69,729	33,380	31.0	86.0	76.0	231,035
Sep-02	302,575	13,330	105,675	35,673	19.2	86.2	76.4	239,223
Oct-02	391,734	19,862	103,331	35,024	21.9	86.6	76.9	238,842
Nov-02	321,327	19,811	98,536	33,440	25.4	86.7	76.8	243,341
Dec-02	424,740	11,992	89,824	40,572	23.4	86.7	77.0	242,009
Jan-03	361,590	18,846	140,232	36,147	22.2	87.0	77.0	240,920
Feb-03	297,136	11,044	64,640	32,484	25.2	87.7	77.5	252,388
Mar-03	-	-	-	-	24.0	-	-	252,152
Apr-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot. a-avg) YTD	t 658,726	t 29,890	t 204,872	t 68,631	a 23.8	a 87.4	a 77.3	a 248,487
% change	16.5	77.0	3.8	56.5	22.3	2.4	6.2	6.3
Last 12 months	3,981,586	243,125	1,124,215	449,173	22.8	86.4	75.8	240,399
Previous 12	2,947,835	207,159	1,109,740	693,379	18.0	84.3	72.6	225,056
% change	35.1	17.4	1.3	-35.2	26.9	2.4	4.5	6.8
% ch. year ago	-0.3	40.9	-8.8	13.1	13.2	2.7	6.5	5.6
% ch. prev mnth	-17.8	-41.4	-53.9	-10.1	-4.8	0.8	0.6	-0.1

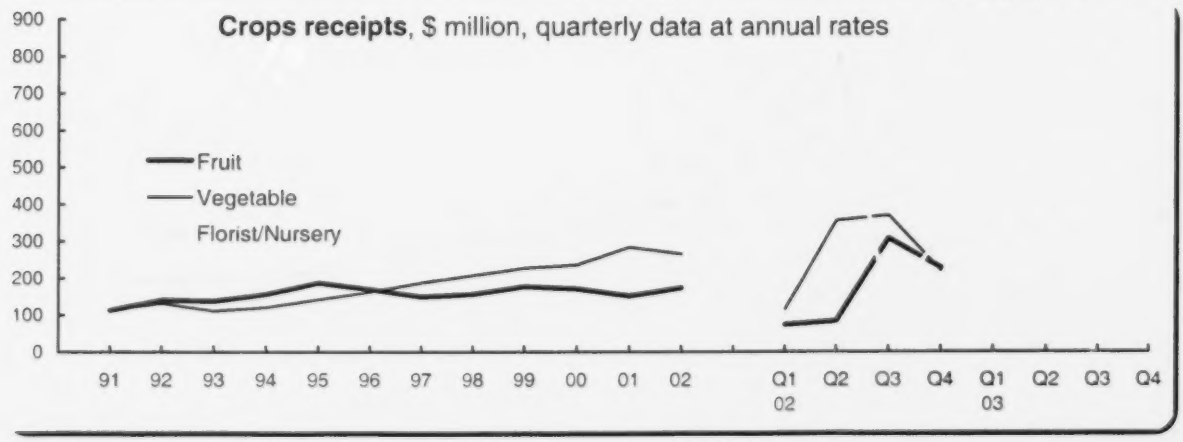


7 Agriculture

Farm Cash Receipts (Source: Statistics Canada)

Period	Livestock and Products: Dairy Products	Cattle	Poultry	Other	Total	Crops: Fruit	Vege-tables	Florist/ Nursery	Other	Total	Total Farm Cash Receipts
	$ thousand										
	Unadjusted										
1999	340,031	216,299	239,616	223,170	1,019,116	176,873	227,080	300,769	172,890	877,612	1,937,540
2000	336,977	242,423	247,310	256,878	1,083,588	170,919	235,747	377,167	168,523	952,356	2,074,488
2001	364,478	266,566	255,958	266,117	1,153,119	152,095	283,338	394,354	193,313	1,023,100	2,236,082
2002	368,630	238,574	257,670	255,544	1,120,418	173,489	265,203	413,523	196,049	1,048,264	2,199,597
Q1-01	89,594	73,614	57,492	63,134	283,834	22,657	32,428	98,587	52,173	205,845	501,184
Q2-01	91,240	64,655	66,770	55,357	278,022	21,398	92,180	192,142	39,362	345,082	628,676
Q3-01	90,438	45,545	66,737	60,141	262,861	62,713	98,412	27,189	38,269	226,583	501,350
Q4-01	93,206	82,752	64,959	87,485	328,402	45,327	60,318	76,436	63,509	245,590	604,872
Q1-02	95,023	70,276	60,127	61,806	287,232	18,408	28,609	103,379	47,393	197,789	494,639
Q2-02	90,794	57,284	66,271	50,215	264,564	21,031	89,030	201,484	35,471	347,016	614,778
Q3-02	89,238	51,048	67,260	55,099	262,645	77,125	92,661	28,512	43,775	242,073	510,469
Q4-02	93,575	59,966	64,012	88,424	305,977	56,925	54,903	80,148	69,410	261,386	579,711
Q1-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q2-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q3-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q4-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 368,630	t 238,574	t 257,670	t 255,544	t 1,120,418	t 173,489	t 265,203	t 413,523	t 196,049	t 1,048,264	t 2,199,597
% change	1.1	-10.5	0.7	-4.0	-2.8	14.1	-6.4	4.9	1.4	2.5	-1.6
Last 4 quarters	368,630	238,574	257,670	255,544	1,120,418	173,489	265,203	413,523	196,049	1,048,264	2,199,597
Previous 4	364,478	266,566	255,958	266,117	1,153,119	152,095	283,338	394,354	193,313	1,023,100	2,236,082
% change	1.1	-10.5	0.7	-4.0	-2.8	14.1	-6.4	4.9	1.4	2.5	-1.6
% ch. year ago	0.4	-27.5	-1.5	1.1	-6.8	25.6	-9.0	4.9	9.0	6.4	-4.2
% ch. prev qtr	4.9	17.5	-4.8	60.5	16.5	-28.2	-40.7	181.1	71.6	8.0	13.6

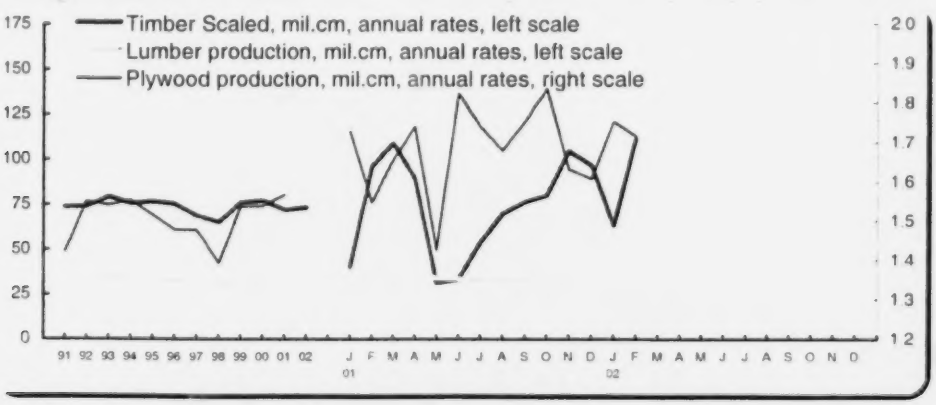




8 Forestry & Fibre

Timber/Ministry of Forests. Lumber and Plywood/Statistics Canada.
Pulp and Paper/Pulp and Paper Products Council.

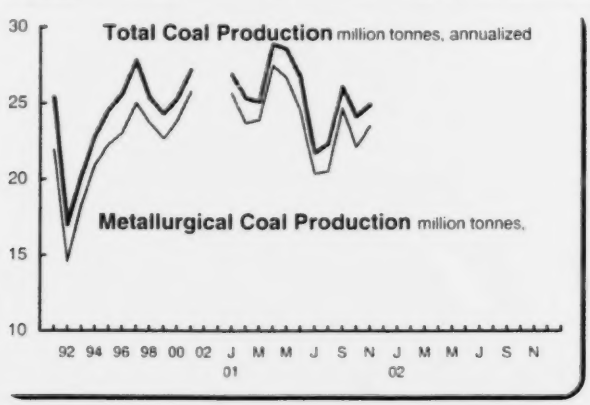
Period	Timber Scaled	Production					Shipments			
		Lumber	Ply-wood	News-print	Other Paper	Total Paper	Market Pulp	News-print	Other paper	Total
	Thousand cubic metres			Thousands of tonnes			Thousands of tonnes			
	Unadjusted									
1999	75,997	32,397.1	1,538	1,379	1,660	3,039	4,995	1,380	1,636	8,010
2000	76,984	32,352.4	1,539	1,428	1,665	3,093	5,152	1,452	1,674	8,289
2001	72,009	30,182.1	1,567	1,267	1,633	2,900	4,710	1,268	1,611	7,589
2002	73,386	33,555.2	1,681	1,171	1,749	2,920	4,493	1,165	1,732	7,391
Jan-01	5,254	2,854.8	129	128	148	276	388	128	142	657
Feb-01	9,182	3,013.0	126	114	133	247	410	111	124	644
Mar-01	10,023	2,515.2	129	116	145	261	426	119	142	687
Apr-01	7,243	2,772.4	133	113	137	250	433	115	131	679
May-01	2,617	2,751.8	135	113	138	251	394	99	132	625
Jun-01	2,406	2,728.5	139	83	130	213	411	99	133	643
Jul-01	4,230	2,230.8	139	95	130	225	419	91	124	634
Aug-01	6,370	2,357.0	119	108	142	250	351	106	139	597
Sep-01	6,570	2,468.4	136	99	127	226	365	109	130	604
Oct-01	7,432	2,329.3	141	115	149	264	387	103	153	643
Nov-01	5,350	2,300.3	131	101	143	244	343	94	133	571
Dec-01	5,332	1,860.6	110	82	111	193	383	94	128	605
Jan-02	3,366	2,811.6	144	76	136	212	318	78	129	525
Feb-02	8,011	2,753.2	129	91	133	224	368	84	125	578
Mar-02	9,078	2,662.2	138	83	142	225	394	86	141	621
Apr-02	7,434	3,139.0	145	97	139	236	391	99	132	622
May-02	2,623	2,838.0	119	107	143	250	355	94	147	596
Jun-02	2,774	2,794.9	152	98	136	234	430	112	147	689
Jul-02	4,493	2,787.2	145	106	152	258	392	107	148	647
Aug-02	5,810	2,677.3	140	98	158	256	354	100	151	606
Sep-02	6,361	2,790.2	146	104	157	261	348	99	152	599
Oct-02	6,665	3,137.0	153	109	153	262	340	104	162	606
Nov-02	8,711	2,731.8	136	98	158	256	383	96	155	634
Dec-02	8,060	2,432.8	134	104	142	246	420	106	143	668
Jan-03	5,290	-	146	107	156	263	441	104	142	687
Feb-03	9,296	-	143	95	135	230	390	90	138	618
Mar-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 14,586	t 33,555	t 289	t 202	t 291	t 493	t 831	t 194	t 280	t 1,305
% change	28.2	11.2	5.9	21.0	8.2	13.1	21.1	19.8	10.2	18.3
Last 12 months	76,595	33,555	1,697	1,206	1,771	2,977	4,638	1,197	1,758	7,593
Previous 12	68,950	30,182	1,585	1,192	1,621	2,813	4,598	1,191	1,599	7,391
% change	11.1	11.2	7.1	1.2	9.3	5.8	0.9	0.5	9.9	2.7
% ch. year ago	16.0	30.8	10.9	4.4	1.5	2.7	6.0	7.1	10.4	6.9
% ch prev mnth	75.7	-10.9	-2.1	-11.2	-13.5	-12.5	-11.6	-13.5	-2.8	-10.0

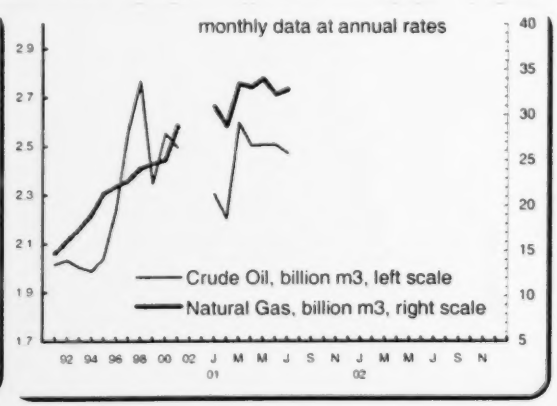


9 Mining and Energy

Coal/Ministry of Energy and Mines. Metals/Ministry of Energy and Mines & Natural Resources Canada. Energy/Statistics Canada.

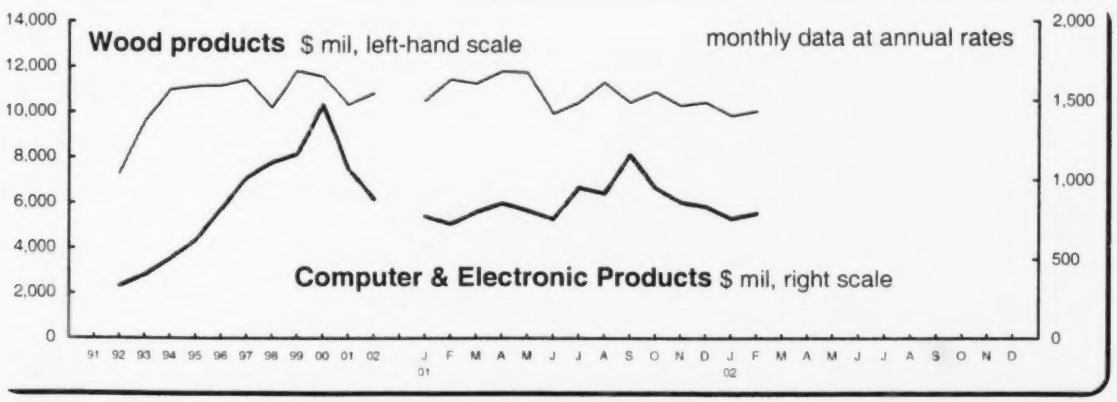
	Coal			Base Metal				Precious Metal		Energy		
Period	Thermal	Metal-lurgical	Total	Copper	Lead	Zinc	Moly	Gold	Silver	Natural Gas	Crude Oil	Electricity
	Thousands of tonnes			Million kilograms				Million grams		Million m3	Thousand m3	GW h
	Unadjusted											
1999	1,631.4	22,670.0	24,301.5	178.2	40.3	126.2	6.3	25.0	497.3	24,635.1	2,347.6	68,044,863
2000	1,455.1	23,804.3	25,259.3	270.7	46.9	145.5	7.0	25.2	586.9	25,024.3	2,552.3	68,240,926
2001	1,442.6	25,754.2	27,196.9	275.2	35.3	108.9	8.6	23.6	604.3	28,789.4	2,495.6	57,281,619
2002	-	-	-	243.7	2.3	44.9	7.5	21.7	659.6	-	-	64,611,374
Jan-01	100.7	2,191.0	2,291.8	23.1	2.8	8.6	0.6	2.1	52.3	2,187.5	201.8	5,633,534
Feb-01	168.1	1,995.1	2,163.1	22.7	3.2	9.7	0.7	1.9	50.7	2,010.0	183.7	5,421,171
Mar-01	158.2	2,214.4	2,372.6	23.1	1.5	6.0	0.7	1.9	39.2	2,200.3	209.7	4,536,078
Apr-01	167.0	2,181.9	2,348.9	21.5	4.0	6.3	1.1	1.8	56.8	2,322.3	223.7	4,647,015
May-01	103.1	2,196.7	2,299.8	19.6	5.1	8.5	0.9	2.4	54.0	2,434.4	187.5	4,402,065
Jun-01	139.3	2,147.5	2,286.9	22.0	5.8	17.1	0.7	2.1	42.7	2,303.1	205.5	3,691,014
Jul-01	144.4	2,032.2	2,176.6	25.7	0.4	3.9	0.6	2.3	59.4	2,607.0	217.0	3,690,591
Aug-01	56.2	1,908.7	1,964.9	27.7	4.8	13.3	0.7	1.8	39.6	2,614.9	223.0	4,338,923
Sep-01	82.8	2,339.0	2,421.8	22.8	2.2	4.4	0.7	1.9	55.5	2,487.1	214.4	4,440,366
Oct-01	88.3	2,359.4	2,447.7	22.6	0.6	10.2	0.6	2.0	48.1	2,590.6	211.3	5,188,826
Nov-01	97.7	2,354.2	2,451.9	19.6	2.9	8.8	0.6	1.4	40.6	2,497.7	208.5	5,028,017
Dec-01	136.8	1,834.1	1,970.9	25.0	2.0	12.2	0.6	2.1	65.2	2,534.5	209.5	6,264,019
Jan-02	103.7	2,135.9	2,239.6	19.9	-	-	0.8	1.7	52.9	2,576.8	191.9	6,150,856
Feb-02	136.1	1,974.8	2,111.0	19.3	-	-	0.6	1.2	32.6	2,396.8	183.7	5,271,304
Mar-02	98.2	1,992.7	2,090.9	21.7	-	-	0.6	2.1	73.7	2,784.5	216.2	5,062,056
Apr-02	116.5	2,290.8	2,407.3	20.5	0.1	2.9	0.6	1.7	63.4	2,752.2	208.6	4,768,526
May-02	156.3	2,222.5	2,378.8	21.6	0.1	3.0	0.5	1.8	61.9	2,834.6	208.9	4,116,214
Jun-02	183.8	2,043.0	2,226.8	21.0	0.4	7.2	0.7	1.9	45.3	2,686.3	208.9	4,141,881
Jul-02	114.4	1,696.9	1,811.2	20.8	0.4	3.4	0.6	1.8	48.7	2,733.3	206.0	5,539,458
Aug-02	150.5	1,709.7	1,860.2	18.1	0.1	6.5	0.5	1.8	54.9	-	-	5,510,243
Sep-02	117.0	2,054.4	2,171.4	19.5	0.6	5.9	0.7	1.9	62.6	-	-	5,471,461
Oct-02	162.3	1,843.1	2,010.5	20.2	0.1	6.1	0.5	2.0	66.7	-	-	5,827,929
Nov-02	118.6	1,954.7	2,073.3	20.7	0.4	7.5	0.9	1.6	43.0	-	-	6,168,159
Dec-02	-	-	-	22.1	-	-	0.7	2.4	61.2	-	-	6,583,287
Jan-03	-	-	-	19.6	0.6	8.2	0.8	1.5	35.9	-	-	6,382,258
Feb-03	-	-	-	18.4	0.1	7.0	0.7	1.6	46.8	-	-	-
Mar-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 1,457.4	t 21,918.5	t 23,381.0	t 38.0	t 0.7	t 15.2	t 1.5	t 3.1	t 82.7	t 18,764.5	t 1,424.2	t 6,382,258
% change	11.6	-8.4	-7.3	-3.1	0.0	0.0	7.9	7.3	-3.3	16.8	-0.3	3.8
Last 12 months	1,594.2	23,752.6	25,351.9	244.2	2.9	57.7	7.8	21.9	664.1	31,489.3	2,490.9	64,842,776
Previous 12	1,358.5	25,803.7	27,162.3	268.8	29.3	90.7	8.6	22.5	586.6	26,786.7	2,465.7	57,798,941
% change	17.4	-7.9	-6.7	-9.2	-90.2	-36.4	-10.2	-2.4	13.2	17.6	1.0	12.2
% ch. year ago	21.4	-17.0	-15.4	-4.7	0.0	0.0	11.3	34.2	43.6	4.8	-5.1	3.8
% ch. prev mnth	-26.9	6.1	3.1	-6.1	-80.3	-14.6	-15.9	9.5	30.4	1.7	-1.4	-3.1





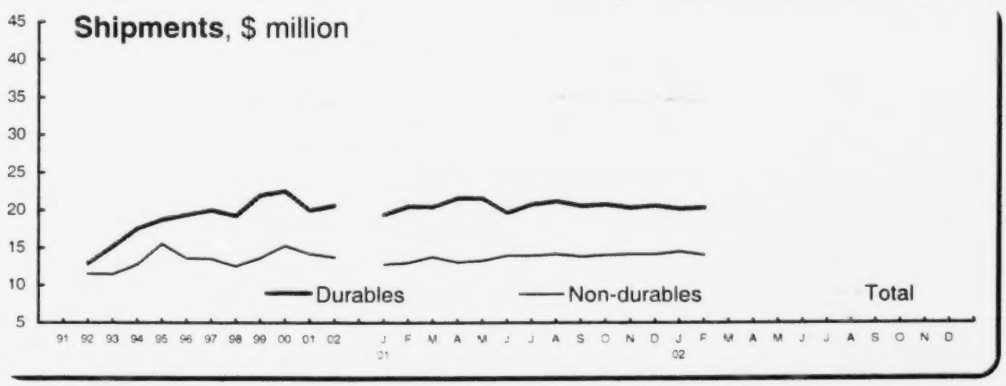
10 Manufacturing — Durables, NAICS based

	Value of Manufactured Shipments (Source: Statistics Canada)								
	Total All Shipments	Total Durables	Wood	Non-Metallic Minerals	Fabricated Metals	Machinery	Computer & Electronics	Electrical Equipment	Transportation Equipment
	$ thousand								
Period	Seasonally Adjusted								
1999	35,616,043	21,981,658	11,806,900	1,074,703	1,496,425	1,621,465	1,163,437	465,488	1,826,006
2000	37,767,533	22,501,001	11,565,797	1,074,892	1,701,357	1,772,723	1,473,178	575,943	1,602,665
2001	34,106,110	19,951,755	10,330,079	1,160,355	1,575,248	1,466,685	1,067,970	515,043	1,348,986
2002	34,238,413	20,558,499	10,831,636	1,357,210	1,609,307	1,594,170	878,535	345,317	1,283,024
Jan-01	3,018,896	1,771,819	886,387	91,849	136,886	142,465	124,518	54,908	107,998
Feb-01	2,967,184	1,746,697	869,852	86,968	134,905	143,499	123,333	54,766	109,357
Mar-01	2,956,761	1,687,044	851,775	93,518	131,726	132,169	103,069	48,571	111,141
Apr-01	2,929,079	1,730,040	884,329	92,189	133,892	134,066	104,176	47,881	121,269
May-01	2,967,239	1,748,597	912,629	96,510	129,578	120,940	108,621	49,965	114,989
Jun-01	2,878,570	1,696,075	904,704	98,982	127,998	123,337	85,541	43,115	107,455
Jul-01	2,848,338	1,734,143	913,655	97,976	134,026	122,085	96,958	41,400	118,955
Aug-01	2,801,981	1,660,877	880,167	98,194	129,758	117,450	69,539	47,357	113,580
Sep-01	2,732,842	1,607,095	856,928	96,736	130,998	113,586	65,375	35,871	103,218
Oct-01	2,703,105	1,542,410	791,180	101,695	128,631	112,460	73,538	28,888	112,497
Nov-01	2,690,212	1,543,274	777,311	102,465	131,607	107,941	66,258	33,422	137,893
Dec-01	2,672,206	1,549,296	820,100	99,994	125,596	106,937	64,838	33,981	103,756
Jan-02	2,677,644	1,612,815	874,710	102,273	131,557	108,817	64,207	30,492	96,106
Feb-02	2,791,783	1,707,663	953,170	106,689	132,851	111,128	60,112	30,747	109,372
Mar-02	2,849,295	1,701,115	937,548	98,913	125,413	129,117	66,440	29,571	101,831
Apr-02	2,884,539	1,798,121	981,526	108,478	137,452	124,125	71,101	27,564	131,877
May-02	2,901,372	1,794,284	979,186	117,187	139,711	127,383	67,277	28,278	111,267
Jun-02	2,793,577	1,632,276	827,368	112,739	137,734	132,893	62,567	25,316	112,423
Jul-02	2,891,198	1,731,590	867,609	114,838	140,731	126,088	79,400	25,659	145,027
Aug-02	2,939,186	1,762,217	941,052	118,097	143,514	137,647	76,154	28,359	95,959
Sep-02	2,861,978	1,709,605	868,536	119,246	129,230	136,518	96,557	29,360	112,061
Oct-02	2,895,850	1,727,572	906,928	112,669	130,137	143,207	79,001	27,753	87,086
Nov-02	2,868,679	1,691,574	856,477	119,112	135,531	153,541	71,558	31,104	93,648
Dec-02	2,892,701	1,714,147	867,645	127,552	133,827	156,495	69,287	30,801	95,088
Jan-03	2,887,782	1,680,262	818,720	128,131	141,269	148,313	62,922	33,039	100,753
Feb-03	2,859,597	1,690,943	834,422	128,643	149,296	152,367	65,725	33,889	87,824
Mar-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot. a-avg) YTD	t 5,747,379	t 3,371,205	t 1,653,142	t 256,774	t 290,565	t 300,680	t 128,647	t 66,928	t 188,577
% change	5.1	1.5	-9.6	22.9	9.9	36.7	3.5	9.3	-8.2
Last 12 months	34,525,754	20,633,706	10,687,017	1,405,605	1,643,845	1,667,694	867,989	350,693	1,274,844
Previous 12	33,649,760	19,819,329	10,420,658	1,187,221	1,568,218	1,410,916	962,232	471,690	1,350,231
% change	2.6	4.1	2.6	18.4	4.8	18.2	-9.8	-25.7	-5.6
% ch. year ago	2.4	-1.0	-12.5	20.6	12.4	37.1	9.3	10.2	-19.7
% ch. prev mnth	-1.0	0.6	1.9	0.4	5.7	2.7	4.5	2.6	-12.8



11 Manufacturing — Non-Durables, NAICS based

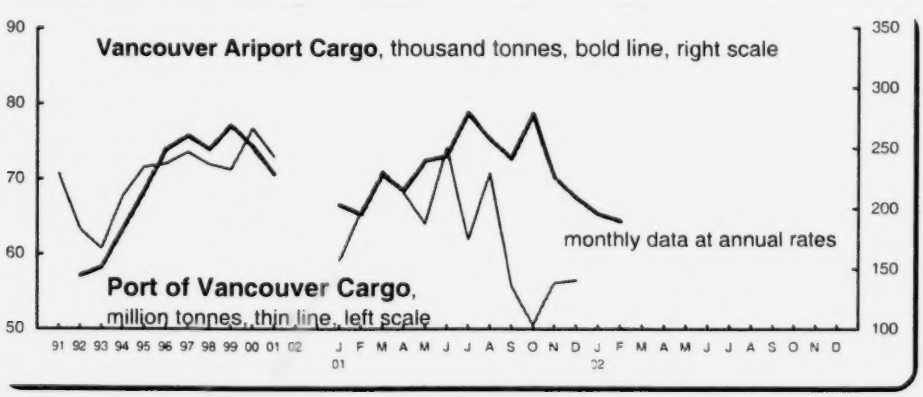
	Value of Manufactured Shipments- Seasonally Adjusted (Source: Statistics Canada)							
	Total Non-Durables	Food	Beverage	Paper	Printing & Related Support	Petroleum & Coal	Chemicals	Plastics & Rubber
	$ thousand							
Period	Seasonally Adjusted							
1999	13,634,385	3,718,121	1,006,352	5,427,506	711,152	756,207	888,458	944,614
2000	15,266,531	3,804,672	1,010,774	6,729,940	771,403	768,139	925,544	1,061,664
2001	14,154,350	4,129,844	907,714	5,422,408	681,336	792,347	1,003,995	1,039,306
2002	13,679,914	4,270,898	990,256	4,789,590	608,135	753,938	1,075,604	1,007,564
Jan-01	1,247,077	332,411	78,193	521,371	63,637	69,016	81,674	85,684
Feb-01	1,220,487	334,657	77,709	497,711	57,847	67,455	83,336	88,203
Mar-01	1,269,717	342,388	76,418	545,235	60,158	63,606	81,345	86,808
Apr-01	1,199,039	343,562	74,616	477,433	55,863	66,620	79,549	87,591
May-01	1,218,642	344,464	74,821	486,574	58,210	66,405	83,544	90,284
Jun-01	1,182,495	340,597	69,662	459,763	54,511	66,414	84,926	92,391
Jul-01	1,114,195	324,524	75,304	411,742	56,750	67,995	76,760	85,937
Aug-01	1,141,104	349,553	77,257	405,736	57,673	66,917	84,891	84,322
Sep-01	1,125,747	351,732	74,335	390,251	55,851	64,528	84,797	86,408
Oct-01	1,160,695	360,934	75,670	428,662	52,213	62,702	85,969	80,310
Nov-01	1,146,938	358,262	75,586	405,370	53,696	64,514	89,456	85,858
Dec-01	1,122,910	346,594	77,378	392,560	54,976	66,918	84,150	84,599
Jan-02	1,064,829	352,974	74,740	347,882	52,426	63,609	82,595	76,600
Feb-02	1,084,120	350,878	69,465	369,908	53,450	61,886	83,105	80,207
Mar-02	1,148,180	343,679	76,468	417,132	53,361	72,455	87,376	82,763
Apr-02	1,086,418	346,745	76,439	364,370	52,079	64,911	84,598	81,608
May-02	1,107,088	351,576	76,796	377,249	51,541	64,568	85,853	85,040
Jun-02	1,161,301	348,743	81,555	423,595	52,693	63,498	87,500	89,187
Jul-02	1,159,608	352,036	81,883	411,464	55,828	65,680	87,257	89,595
Aug-02	1,176,969	359,582	83,503	421,729	54,839	60,953	93,568	87,647
Sep-02	1,152,373	356,434	86,454	415,116	44,781	61,748	90,916	80,928
Oct-02	1,168,278	368,855	90,144	400,072	45,955	61,326	99,955	85,951
Nov-02	1,177,105	365,466	90,745	425,386	46,752	56,229	96,730	81,038
Dec-02	1,178,554	367,057	90,818	415,687	45,783	59,296	96,969	85,899
Jan-03	1,207,520	388,928	89,847	420,530	46,736	63,579	100,789	87,259
Feb-03	1,168,654	368,255	87,836	394,527	47,391	65,277	105,341	88,659
Mar-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 2,376,174	t 757,183	t 177,683	t 815,057	t 94,127	t 128,856	t 206,130	t 175,918
% change	10.6	7.6	23.2	13.6	-11.1	2.7	24.4	12.2
Last 12 months	13,892,048	4,317,356	1,012,488	4,886,857	597,739	759,520	1,116,852	1,025,574
Previous 12	13,830,431	4,166,462	895,252	5,121,116	665,777	782,114	1,001,087	1,021,315
% change	0.4	3.6	13.1	-4.6	-10.2	-2.9	11.6	0.4
% ch. year ago	7.8	5.0	26.4	6.7	-11.3	5.5	26.8	10.5
% ch. prev mnth	-3.2	-5.3	-2.2	-6.2	1.4	2.7	4.5	1.6



12 Service Sector — Transportation

All data from respective ports, carriers, & authorities.

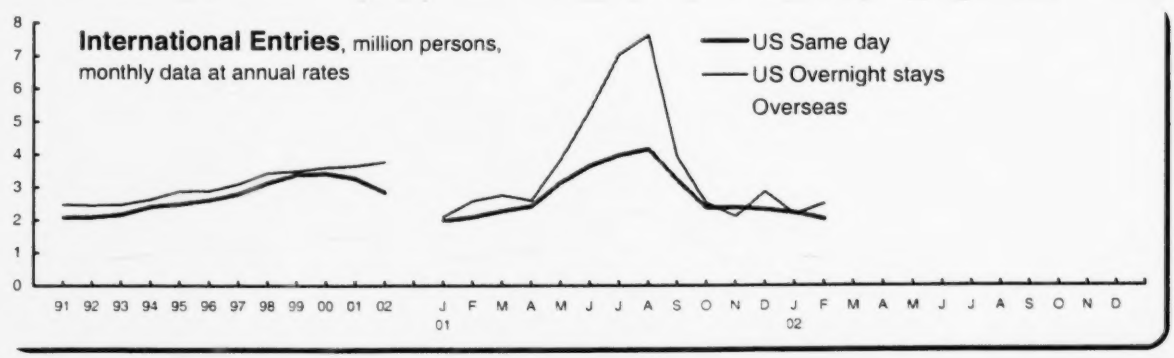
	Freight shipments				Passengers			
	Port of Vancouver			Vancouver Airport	BC Ferries			Coquihalla
	Shipping - Cargo Handled			Cargo	Arrivals/	Mainland/Vancouver Island		Hwy Pas'nger
	Foreign	Coastwise	Total	Handled	Departures	Passengers	Vehicles	Vehicles
Period	Thousand tonnes			Tonnes	Thousands	Thousands		
1999	67,079	4,133	71,214	269,130	8,314	11,211	3,599	2,378
2000	72,463	4,181	76,646	251,772	8,306	11,123	3,593	2,390
2001	68,927	4,010	72,936	228,674	7,869	11,022	3,672	2,443
2002	59,636	3,163	62,799	234,857	7,422	11,101	3,720	2,518
Jan-01	5,779	351	6,130	17,019	598	582	211	101
Feb-01	6,169	331	6,500	16,625	588	574	209	105
Mar-01	5,507	339	5,846	19,695	651	811	277	163
Apr-01	6,701	317	7,018	17,840	645	859	298	190
May-01	6,301	410	6,711	19,015	720	952	318	217
Jun-01	5,955	276	6,231	20,781	732	1,026	333	233
Jul-01	5,930	359	6,290	22,302	798	1,429	428	338
Aug-01	5,231	368	5,598	21,274	860	1,593	475	399
Sep-01	4,964	360	5,323	16,401	571	986	334	250
Oct-01	5,785	363	6,148	19,338	599	790	282	188
Nov-01	5,575	308	5,883	19,594	517	639	239	122
Dec-01	5,030	228	5,258	18,790	588	781	268	138
Jan-02	4,661	260	4,922	16,919	538	559	208	97
Feb-02	5,263	202	5,465	16,279	518	575	212	105
Mar-02	5,663	253	5,916	19,041	585	799	274	162
Apr-02	5,385	294	5,678	17,911	586	805	284	170
May-02	5,044	291	5,335	19,986	643	967	327	233
Jun-02	5,902	276	6,178	20,314	655	1,031	340	246
Jul-02	4,837	327	5,164	23,284	718	1,415	429	361
Aug-02	5,625	269	5,894	21,464	790	1,617	481	415
Sep-02	4,390	261	4,651	20,139	642	1,003	346	251
Oct-02	3,922	287	4,209	23,249	641	851	298	203
Nov-02	4,434	245	4,679	18,842	507	667	242	126
Dec-02	4,510	198	4,708	17,429	599	812	279	151
Jan-03	-	-	-	16,287	544	587	217	103
Feb-03	-	-	-	15,811	514	591	220	113
Mar-03	-	-	-	-	-	776	271	143
Apr-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 59,636	t 3,163	t 62,799	t 32,098	t 1,058	t 1,954	t 708	t 358
% change	-13.5	-21.1	-13.9	-3.3	0.2	1.1	2.0	-1.4
Last 12 months	59,636	3,163	62,799	233,757	7,424	11,122	3,734	2,513
Previous 12	68,927	4,010	72,936	228,228	7,739	10,988	3,669	2,437
% change	-13.5	-21.1	-13.9	2.4	-4.1	1.2	1.8	3.1
% ch. year ago	-10.3	-13.2	-10.5	-2.9	-0.9	-2.9	-1.1	-11.8
% ch. prev mnth	1.7	-19.2	0.6	-2.9	-5.6	31.3	23.2	26.3



13 Service Sector – Tourism

Hotel Occupancy & Convention Delegate Days with permission of Pannell Kerr Forster. Airport figures from respective airports. Tourism Room Revenue, BC STATS.

Period	International Entries Via BC (Source: Statistics Canada)					Tourism Indicators					
	US			Overseas	Total	Hotel Occupancy Rate	Trade & Convention Delegate days		Tourism Room Revenue	Vancouver Airport Arrivals/Departures	
	Same Day	Overnight Stays	Total				Victoria	Vancouver		Transborder	Interntl
	Persons					%	Thousands of days		$ thousands	Thousands of persons	
	Unadjusted								SA	Unadjusted	
1999	3,370,153	3,491,527	6,861,680	1,407,542	8,269,222	61.7	90,833	340,633	1,329,347	4,120	3,372
2000	3,407,146	3,598,815	7,005,961	1,475,766	8,481,727	60.0	112,442	325,371	1,441,607	4,074	3,652
2001	3,257,694	3,636,824	6,894,518	1,418,018	8,312,536	59.3	86,776	296,299	1,473,355	4,000	3,608
2002	2,828,691	3,767,195	6,595,886	1,374,931	7,970,817	59.2	107,467	256,945	1,505,462	3,855	3,600
Jan-01	223,046	165,804	388,850	73,135	461,985	45.4	1,480	4,600	131,192	321	302
Feb-01	217,159	204,081	421,240	68,560	489,800	55.1	6,850	33,920	124,072	314	245
Mar-01	253,499	232,865	486,364	91,859	578,223	63.9	13,414	67,118	126,034	332	286
Apr-01	263,185	228,714	491,899	103,816	595,715	60.1	11,894	23,300	125,195	306	290
May-01	327,253	325,623	652,876	133,029	785,905	62.9	14,050	20,198	123,490	355	307
Jun-01	361,472	429,248	790,720	170,503	961,223	67.9	11,406	14,288	122,482	401	348
Jul-01	424,397	563,837	988,234	212,108	1,200,342	74.9	232	36,010	125,183	486	395
Aug-01	423,556	601,422	1,024,978	202,425	1,227,403	79.5	1,010	30,035	124,030	515	425
Sep-01	258,060	301,489	559,549	145,296	704,845	64.1	8,155	20,060	110,072	270	321
Oct-01	155,164	176,632	331,796	76,198	407,994	51.2	13,155	10,210	114,071	225	241
Nov-01	169,493	167,142	336,635	53,509	390,144	45.0	4,730	26,660	122,863	212	191
Dec-01	181,410	239,967	421,377	87,580	508,957	41.6	400	9,900	124,670	264	257
Jan-02	164,978	174,447	339,425	67,757	407,182	42.8	1,200	-	124,712	280	270
Feb-02	174,125	214,470	388,595	71,295	459,890	54.2	10,320	20,000	128,741	272	247
Mar-02	189,752	229,195	418,947	89,085	508,032	58.9	7,120	36,800	127,033	300	290
Apr-02	201,330	215,466	416,796	86,374	503,170	58.8	14,767	15,000	125,284	266	271
May-02	261,372	319,896	581,268	128,338	709,606	61.8	18,282	21,430	123,912	308	297
Jun-02	303,899	444,080	747,979	153,087	901,066	67.7	17,350	62,100	125,283	383	329
Jul-02	330,714	585,111	915,825	194,170	1,109,995	74.2	4,591	12,550	123,585	466	367
Aug-02	345,967	634,081	980,048	183,545	1,163,593	79.9	6,600	32,700	126,414	470	401
Sep-02	268,122	327,041	595,163	150,715	745,878	67.2	6,272	13,190	117,271	332	334
Oct-02	196,991	209,641	406,632	96,654	503,286	56.4	10,105	11,175	127,897	263	293
Nov-02	198,102	175,477	373,579	65,342	438,921	45.9	10,660	26,400	124,932	227	229
Dec-02	193,339	238,290	431,629	88,569	520,198	42.5	200	5,600	130,400	289	270
Jan-03	183,892	180,661	364,553	72,942	437,495	44.2	975	14,300	-	296	292
Feb-03	169,071	207,922	376,993	67,094	444,087	54.7	6,000	23,500	-	277	240
Mar-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 657,141	t 84,405	t 741,546	t 140,036	t 881,582	a 49.5	t 6,975	t 37,800	t 1,505,464	t 573	t 532
% change	7.2	-26.6	1.9	0.7	1.7	2.0	-39.5	89.0	2.2	3.9	2.8
Last 12 months	2,842,551	3,766,861	6,609,412	1,375,915	7,985,327	59.4	102,922	274,745	1,505,464	3,877	3,614
Previous 12	3,156,592	3,655,856	6,812,448	1,415,375	8,227,823	59.0	89,966	277,779	1,473,354	3,918	3,578
% change	-9.9	3.0	-3.0	-2.8	-2.9	0.6	14.4	-1.1	2.2	-1.0	1.0
% ch. year ago	-1.5	-5.0	-3.0	-5.9	-3.4	0.9	-41.9	17.5	4.6	2.1	-2.8
% ch. prev mnth	-14.0	45.2	3.4	-8.0	1.5	23.8	515.4	64.3	4.4	-6.4	-17.8



14 Money and Markets

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	Stock Markets		Interest Rates					Exchange Rates	
	Dow Jones Industrial Ave -Close	T.S.E. Composite 300-Close	Bank Rate	Prime Rate	Conventional Mortgage Five year Rate	Conventional Mortgage One year Rate	US Federal Funds	Average Noon Spot Rate-US$	Can. Trade Weighted Index C-6
Period	$	1975=1000			%			$ Can	1992=100
1999	10,474.8	7,059.1	4.92	6.44	7.56	6.80	4.98	1.4857	82.14
2000	10,687.9	9,607.7	5.77	7.27	8.35	7.85	6.27	1.4854	82.85
2001	10,139.9	7,731.7	4.31	5.81	7.40	6.14	3.78	1.5488	80.21
2002	9,181.0	7,036.2	2.71	4.21	7.02	5.17	1.66	1.5703	78.87
Jan-01	10,887.4	9,321.9	5.75	7.25	7.75	7.40	5.94	1.5032	82.15
Feb-01	10,495.3	8,078.7	5.75	7.25	7.75	7.20	5.50	1.5218	81.26
Mar-01	9,878.8	7,608.0	5.25	6.75	7.25	6.70	5.00	1.5585	79.62
Apr-01	10,735.0	7,946.6	5.00	6.50	7.50	6.80	4.42	1.5575	79.85
May-01	10,911.9	8,161.9	4.75	6.25	7.75	6.70	3.98	1.5415	80.73
Jun-01	10,502.4	7,736.4	4.75	6.25	7.75	6.70	3.91	1.5244	81.82
Jul-01	10,522.8	7,689.7	4.50	6.00	7.75	6.45	3.81	1.5304	81.51
Aug-01	9,949.8	7,399.2	4.25	5.75	7.60	6.20	3.52	1.5402	80.60
Sep-01	8,847.6	6,838.6	3.75	5.25	7.15	5.45	2.99	1.5677	79.01
Oct-01	9,075.1	6,885.7	3.00	4.50	6.90	4.90	2.55	1.5712	78.98
Nov-01	9,851.6	7,425.7	2.50	4.00	6.85	4.60	1.95	1.5924	78.08
Dec-01	10,021.5	7,688.4	2.50	4.00	6.85	4.60	1.77	1.5775	78.95
Jan-02	9,920.0	7,648.5	2.25	3.75	7.00	4.55	1.78	1.6003	78.05
Feb-02	10,106.1	7,637.5	2.25	3.75	6.85	4.55	1.75	1.5958	78.38
Mar-02	10,403.9	7,851.5	2.25	3.75	7.30	5.30	1.70	1.5870	78.69
Apr-02	9,946.2	7,663.4	2.50	4.00	7.45	5.40	1.70	1.5814	78.89
May-02	9,925.2	7,656.1	2.50	4.00	7.40	5.55	1.78	1.5497	80.15
Jun-02	9,243.3	7,145.6	2.75	4.25	7.25	5.55	1.75	1.5317	80.73
Jul-02	8,736.6	6,605.4	3.00	4.50	7.05	5.35	1.72	1.5459	79.53
Aug-02	8,663.5	6,612.0	3.00	4.50	6.80	5.35	1.76	1.5679	78.54
Sep-02	7,591.9	6,180.4	3.00	4.50	6.70	5.30	1.72	1.5758	78.18
Oct-02	8,397.0	6,248.8	3.00	4.50	7.00	5.30	1.79	1.5778	78.17
Nov-02	8,896.1	6,570.4	3.00	4.50	6.70	4.90	1.27	1.5714	78.29
Dec-02	8,341.6	6,614.5	3.00	4.50	6.70	4.90	1.23	1.5593	78.80
Jan-03	8,053.8	6,569.5	3.00	4.50	6.45	4.90	1.24	1.5410	79.37
Feb-03	7,891.1	6,555.1	3.00	4.50	6.60	4.90	1.24	1.5124	80.83
Mar-03	7,992.1	6,343.3	3.25	4.75	6.85	5.35	1.22	1.4759	82.83
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Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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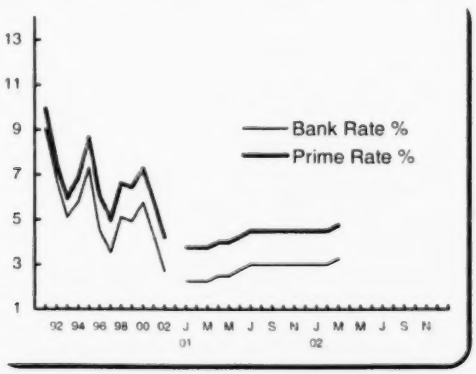
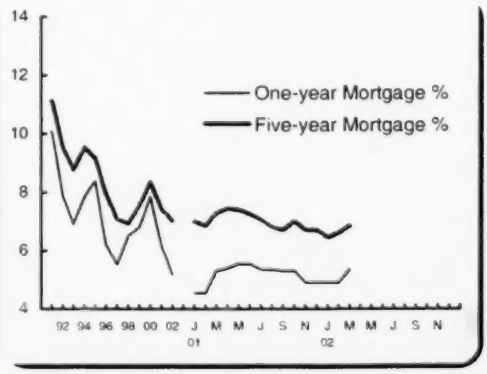
% change	-21.3	-15.9	37.0	22.2	-5.9	5.2	-29.3	-5.3	3.4
Last 12 months	8,639.9	6,730.4	2.92	4.42	6.91	5.23	1.54	1.5492	79.53
Previous 12	10,070.6	7,575.8	3.48	4.98	7.27	5.57	2.84	1.5655	79.55
% change	-14.2	-11.2	-16.2	-11.3	-4.9	-6.1	-46.0	-1.0	0.0
% ch year ago	-23.2	-19.2	44.4	26.7	-6.2	0.9	-28.2	-7.0	5.3
% ch prev mnth	1.3	-3.2	8.3	5.6	3.8	9.2	-1.6	-2.4	2.5





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Rising Log Exports Fuel Controversy

One of the key issues in the softwood lumber dispute between Canada and the United States is the restriction on exports of raw logs from Canada, particulary British Columbia. The Americans argue that restricting exports of unprocessed logs in essence amounts to a subsidy to Canadian forest companies since putting logs up for auction could result in higher price than companies are currently paying through the stumpage system. On the other side of the debate, those working in the forest sector say that there should be a complete ban on log exports. They argue that the timber is a public good that should confer benefits to Canadians and exporting raw logs is tantamount to exporting manufacturing jobs.

Log exports have stirred up controversy with the Americans arguing that there are not enough and forest sector workers complaining there are too many

Similar to the situation in BC, the United States prohibits the export of raw logs from publicly owned lands. The main difference between the forest sector in BC and that in the United States is that the large majority of timber in BC is publicly owned, whereas in the US, most of it is privately owned. About 89% of the volume of timber billed in BC is from Crown land.[1]

Although there is not an outright ban on raw log exports from BC, there are restrictions on sales outside the province for both privately and publicly owned timber. Currently, in British Columbia, exports of logs from privately owned forests are under federal jurisdiction. Logs can be sold outside BC only after they have been offered for sale within the province and no buyer has been found. For timber harvested from Crown land, other than in exceptional circumstances, exports of logs are prohibited. Section 127 of the Forest Act explicitly states that all timber harvested from Crown land must be either used in BC or manufactured within the province into other goods. However, Section 128 provides for an exemption if the timber is surplus to the requirements of British Columbia's processing facilities, if it cannot be processed economically near the harvesting area and cannot be transported economically to another facility in BC, or if an exemption would prevent waste or improve the utilisation of the wood.

Exports of raw logs from BC are restricted, but not banned outright

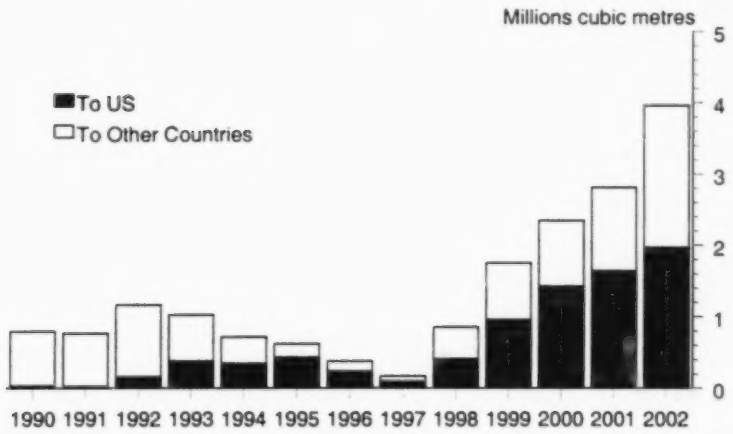
This exemption was used in February 2002 to approve exports of up to 35 percent of the logs harvested in the Kispiox, Kalum and North Coast timber supply areas. The government has defended the

[1] Source: Ministry of Forests annual reports.

exemption, stating that the logs are lower-valued timber from areas where harvesting costs are high. Accordingly, the logs could not be processed economically within the province and therefore meet the criteria for exemption. By allowing the logs to be exported, at least jobs for loggers are created. Mill workers in the province disagree with this stance and have launched a legal challenge of the export permits.

Exports of raw logs from BC have been rising over the last five years. From 1998 to 2002 the quantity of BC logs shipped out of the country has risen over 360% from 855 thousand to almost four million cubic metres. The value of these exports increased from $128.3 million in 1998 to $515.1 million in 2002. Approximately 50 to 60 percent of these shipments were destined for the United States. Asia, particularly Japan, was the destination for most of the remaining logs.

The quantity of logs exported from BC has risen significantly in the last few years...

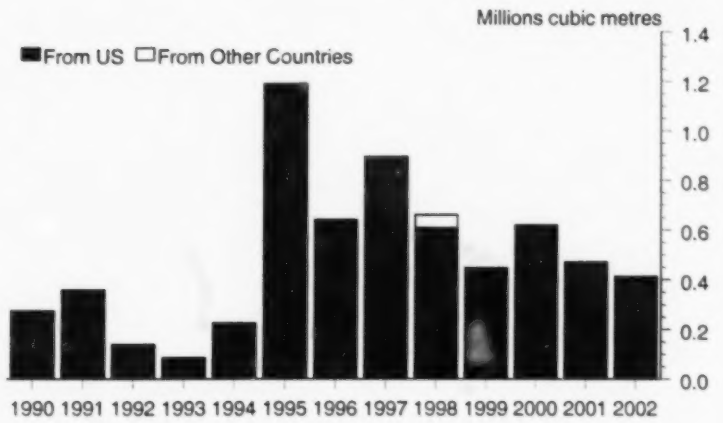


From 1998 to 2002, the volume of logs exported from BC increased by over 360%

There are significant imports of logs into BC as well.[2] In fact, in the mid-nineties there were three consecutive years where BC was a net importer of quantities of logs. Virtually all the log imports were from the United States, and therefore, BC was a net importer from the US in even more years in the last decade. However, after hitting a peak in 1995, imports of raw logs have been consistently falling, which has resulted in a growing deficit in volumes of logs traded.

[2] Note that there is no data available on imports consumed within BC. All import figures refer to shipments of logs cleared through BC customs ports. It is possible that a portion of these exports was shipped to another province after entering BC, but it is likely that the majority was consumed within the province.

...while imports of logs entering Canada through BC have been falling



Imports of logs entering Canada through BC have been falling since hitting a peak in 1995

It is somewhat misleading to look only at the total volume of logs exported and imported, since logs can be of substantially varying qualities. Based on a simple comparison of implicit prices (i.e., dividing value by volume), it is clear that the quality of logs exported from the province is significantly greater than that of the logs imported into BC. Over the last decade the implicit value of logs exported from BC has been approximately double that of logs imported through the province. In 2002, for example, the value of exports was approximately $130 per cubic metre (or $115 for exports to the US only) compared to $61 for imports. This is due to the fact that exports from the province are composed of a greater portion of quality saw logs, while imports are primarily logs used for pulping.

The quality of logs exported from the province is significantly greater than that of logs entering the country through BC customs ports

It is difficult to determine the scope of trade in logs without looking also at the volume of timber harvested within the province. While the portion of logs shipped from BC to other countries has generally been within half a percentage point of one percent of timber scaled in BC, this percentage has been growing in recent years. From just over one percent in 1998, the percentage of timber scaled in BC that was exported grew to over five percent in 2002. According to data from the Ministry of Forests, the portion of logs exported in the fiscal year 2000/2001 (the latest year of data available) that required a permit under Section 128 of the Forest Act was 40%. The remainder was from areas under federal jurisdiction or from First Nations' reserves.

The volume of logs exported as a percentage of timber scaled has risen from just over 1% in 1998 to over 5% in 2002

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Whenever possible we use **seasonally adjusted** data which removes normal seasonal variations to reveal the underlying trends in the data. Adjusted data are identified as Seasonally Adjusted or SA.

Some series subject to irregular fluctuations are presented on a **three month moving average** basis. All such series included in this report are also seasonally adjusted. Where space is limited these are tagged 3MMA SA.

Series not labeled as seasonally adjusted are unadjusted or raw. Some unadjusted series in this report are explicitly identified as such.

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Abbreviations

3MMA SA: three month moving average, seasonally adjusted

Ave: average

bd ft: board feet

C6: a group of six currencies including European Monetary Union Euro, British pound, French franc, German mark, Swiss franc, and Japanese yen

Can: Canada, Canadian

GW.h.: gigawatt hour = watt hour x 10^9

m3: cubic metres

mil: million

MLS: Multiple Listing Service

Moly: molybdenum

mth: month (as in: previous mth)

NAICS: North American Industrial Classification System

SA: seasonally adjusted

T.S.E.: Toronto Stock Exhange

US: United States of America

WSPF: Western spruce-pine-fir

1 Labour and Earnings

Source: Statistics Canada

Period	Labour Force Activity: Labour Force (Thousands of persons, Seasonally Adjusted)	Labour Force Activity: Employed (Thousands of persons, Seasonally Adjusted)	Labour Force Activity: Unemployment Rate (%, Seasonally Adjusted)	Labour Force Activity: Participation Rate (%, Seasonally Adjusted)	Average Actual Hours Worked (Number, Unadjusted)	Help Wanted Index (1996=100, Seasonally Adjusted)	Earnings: Wages and Salaries ($ million, Unadjusted)	Earnings: Average Weekly Wage Rate ($, Unadjusted)	Employment Insurance: Regular E.I. Benefits: Number of Beneficiaries (Persons, Unadjusted)	Employment Insurance: Regular E.I. Benefits: $ (thousand, Unadjusted)
1999	2,079.1	1,906.4	8.3	65.1	32.5	129.1	56,264.0	625.22	819,450	1,003,814.9
2000	2,099.7	1,949.1	7.2	64.9	33.3	147.1	60,270.3	637.07	699,280	847,365.1
2001	2,103.5	1,942.4	7.7	64.1	32.2	117.8	61,636.3	645.70	745,890	957,361.4
2002	2,157.8	1,973.4	8.5	64.9	32.0	92.1	62,934.6	667.51	783,830	1,072,980.3
Jan-01	2,095.1	1,942.9	7.3	64.3	33.3	138.2	5,157.0	640.63	74,160	104,218.5
Feb-01	2,108.4	1,954.1	7.3	64.6	33.3	134.1	5,187.1	643.13	73,010	88,292.4
Mar-01	2,111.9	1,973.4	6.6	64.7	33.7	130.2	5,160.5	650.17	68,240	82,012.7
Apr-01	2,102.9	1,955.7	7.0	64.3	31.0	126.8	5,127.3	650.42	64,810	86,742.6
May-01	2,113.8	1,969.8	6.8	64.6	33.1	123.5	5,148.5	649.78	59,770	77,271.1
Jun-01	2,100.3	1,948.7	7.2	64.1	33.3	120.2	5,137.0	649.40	53,120	65,653.3
Jul-01	2,102.8	1,946.3	7.4	64.1	31.1	116.6	5,116.2	638.50	55,700	73,137.9
Aug-01	2,099.1	1,929.3	8.1	63.9	30.0	112.7	5,119.2	642.30	57,000	70,407.7
Sep-01	2,089.3	1,925.4	7.8	63.5	32.9	108.7	5,096.6	645.68	46,880	67,255.0
Oct-01	2,092.3	1,918.0	8.3	63.5	29.4	104.8	5,095.8	643.68	52,400	69,695.6
Nov-01	2,105.6	1,924.7	8.6	63.9	32.3	101.5	5,126.5	650.84	64,860	76,593.3
Dec-01	2,121.4	1,916.9	9.6	64.3	32.7	98.9	5,164.6	643.66	75,940	96,081.3
Jan-02	2,130.1	1,942.4	8.8	64.5	32.7	97.2	5,178.7	656.05	86,240	126,382.5
Feb-02	2,118.7	1,933.7	8.7	64.1	32.7	96.2	5,185.5	656.21	51,080	105,181.7
Mar-02	2,137.1	1,945.3	9.0	64.5	32.9	95.8	5,158.2	663.44	80,460	97,688.8
Apr-02	2,143.1	1,957.2	8.7	64.6	33.1	95.5	5,176.4	668.06	73,820	112,710.7
May-02	2,148.4	1,944.8	9.5	64.7	33.4	95.0	5,206.4	670.27	66,480	84,417.3
Jun-02	2,161.5	1,974.1	8.7	65.0	33.4	94.0	5,215.5	668.57	59,980	74,038.7
Jul-02	2,164.6	1,987.8	8.2	65.0	31.4	92.7	5,236.6	663.53	60,250	84,237.6
Aug-02	2,167.7	2,001.6	7.7	65.1	30.6	90.9	5,252.9	667.96	61,770	75,653.8
Sep-02	2,179.4	2,001.3	8.2	65.3	33.0	89.0	5,271.9	668.84	51,480	78,346.4
Oct-02	2,179.3	1,997.9	8.3	65.3	29.0	87.2	5,308.4	671.53	55,780	65,877.8
Nov-02	2,183.1	1,997.2	8.5	65.3	29.3	85.5	5,363.6	678.18	64,450	72,695.9
Dec-02	2,176.9	1,994.6	8.4	65.1	32.1	83.9	5,380.6	676.45	72,040	95,749.2
Jan-03	2,167.3	1,990.3	8.2	64.8	32.2	82.5	-	679.52	80,210	108,603.0
Feb-03	2,180.1	2,002.0	8.2	65.1	32.7	81.2	-	679.14	77,400	94,696.8
Mar-03	2,187.6	2,019.7	7.7	65.3	32.8	80.2	-	682.00	73,890	106,159.1
Apr-03	2,189.5	2,012.3	8.1	65.2	29.0	79.6	-	680.37	-	-
May-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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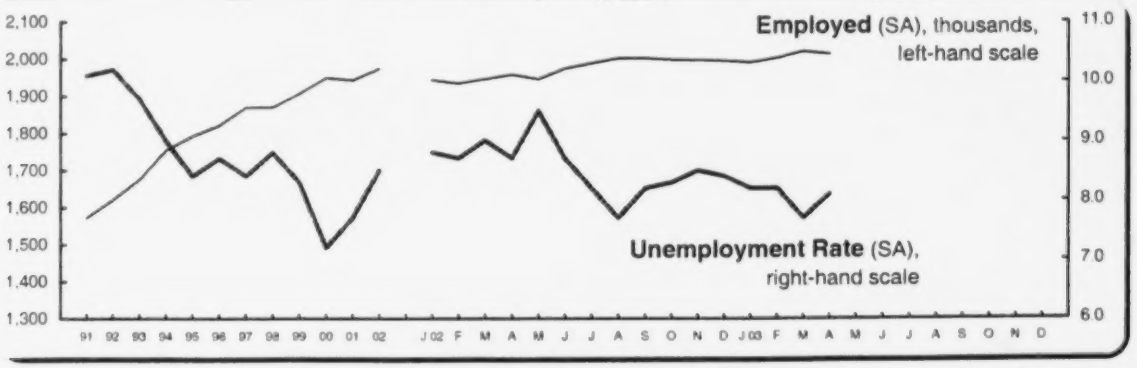
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 2,181.1	a 2,006.1	a 8.1	a 65.1	a 31.7	a 80.9	t 62,934.6	a 680.26	a 77,167	t 309.5
% change	2.3	3.2	n/a	n/a	-3.6	-15.9	2.1	2.9	6.3	-6.0
Last 12 months	2,173.8	1,993.6	8.3	65.1	31.6	86.8	62,934.6	673.86	66,463	1,053,186.2
Previous 12	2,112.8	1,938.1	8.3	64.1	32.2	106.0	61,636.3	650.63	62,355	1,012,090.8
% change	2.9	2.9	n/a	n/a	-1.9	-18.1	2.1	3.6	6.6	4.1
% ch. year ago	2.2	2.8	n/a	n/a	-12.4	-16.6	4.2	1.8	-8.2	8.7
% ch. prev mnth	0.1	-0.4	n/a	n/a	-11.6	-0.7	0.3	-0.2	-4.5	12.1



2 Employment by Industry — Goods

Source: Statistics Canada. 2001 unadjusted data est. by BC Stats

Period	Goods Producing	Agriculture	Forestry	Fishing & Trapping	Mining	Utilites	Construction	Manufacturing			
	Thousands of persons										
	SA		Unadjusted			SA		Unadjusted			SA
1999	396.5	28.6	30.2	4.0	14.8	11.5	115.3	18.4	42.0	22.3	192.2
2000	414.4	29.7	37.1	4.8	13.4	11.3	112.5	19.8	46.5	17.7	205.4
2001	392.0	25.9	26.1	5.4	11.8	11.7	114.9	22.5	49.5	15.0	196.2
2002	399.0	30.1	25.9	3.3	9.7	12.4	120.6	23.8	44.7	16.7	196.9
Jan-01	400.1	24.0	30.2	2.5	12.6	10.2	104.7	23.4	51.2	12.5	212.8
Feb-01	405.8	30.3	29.3	4.1	10.6	10.7	111.8	22.7	53.4	14.2	207.2
Mar-01	411.5	29.4	24.2	8.9	10.1	10.3	118.6	26.5	54.2	14.5	208.8
Apr-01	408.4	28.4	21.2	7.5	8.2	13.1	119.6	24.8	49.1	15.8	205.7
May-01	398.6	23.8	24.4	8.0	10.1	13.2	118.5	26.3	50.5	17.8	199.6
Jun-01	393.2	23.6	23.7	6.5	11.8	12.7	119.2	27.2	47.6	18.7	196.3
Jul-01	392.0	24.3	28.3	5.9	11.1	12.8	121.0	21.5	51.8	17.9	191.4
Aug-01	388.7	27.0	30.3	5.1	12.6	12.9	113.0	23.3	50.3	16.0	190.9
Sep-01	391.0	25.5	29.5	4.4	14.6	11.7	114.2	20.1	49.3	12.8	194.1
Oct-01	380.0	24.9	27.4	3.5	13.7	11.9	115.1	20.4	47.1	12.9	186.1
Nov-01	371.5	26.3	23.4	4.3	13.1	10.6	113.9	17.1	42.9	13.5	180.1
Dec-01	363.6	24.8	21.4	3.9	12.4	10.0	107.8	16.9	46.3	13.8	182.6
Jan-02	381.0	25.3	21.3	2.8	12.4	12.8	119.4	16.3	41.9	16.3	184.4
Feb-02	384.2	24.7	23.9	1.7	11.6	11.0	114.6	21.5	47.1	17.6	195.1
Mar-02	387.2	26.2	25.0	2.1	11.2	12.3	113.3	18.7	50.3	21.1	195.8
Apr-02	388.6	26.2	22.0	2.5	9.3	11.2	116.8	20.0	48.4	19.0	196.2
May-02	385.7	28.5	24.2	2.3	8.8	14.1	117.5	20.2	48.3	19.4	189.4
Jun-02	392.8	30.4	23.1	2.6	9.6	13.7	117.7	24.4	44.8	18.1	196.1
Jul-02	401.9	30.2	26.2	3.0	10.5	12.7	120.7	27.6	45.1	16.7	200.9
Aug-02	408.7	31.8	28.5	4.9	8.2	12.1	125.3	30.1	44.0	14.0	200.9
Sep-02	410.3	33.1	29.8	4.1	8.8	12.2	124.6	30.8	40.8	15.5	200.5
Oct-02	414.7	33.5	29.7	5.4	9.4	11.4	128.4	27.5	41.0	15.3	199.8
Nov-02	413.8	33.1	28.5	4.3	8.2	12.3	124.1	26.8	41.0	12.9	203.5
Dec-02	416.5	35.9	28.6	4.2	8.5	13.0	123.9	22.1	43.4	14.7	201.6
Jan-03	416.0	33.4	28.8	6.4	7.6	12.2	124.1	24.1	43.4	18.3	201.3
Feb-03	421.9	35.7	28.3	4.0	12.2	13.4	119.7	26.5	49.9	15.8	207.0
Mar-03	435.3	39.6	29.0	4.1	15.5	14.6	121.8	24.0	50.7	15.5	210.0
Apr-03	424.8	35.6	26.9	2.3	14.6	14.4	116.9	24.8	51.8	14.5	208.7
May-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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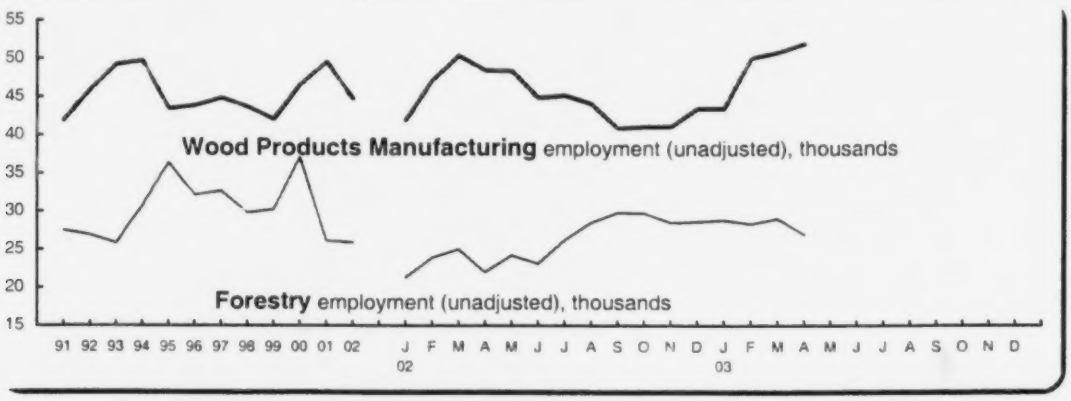
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 424.5	a 36.1	a 28.3	a 4.2	a 12.5	a 13.7	a 120.6	a 24.9	a 49.0	a 16.0	a 206.8
% change	10.2	40.9	22.6	84.6	12.1	15.4	4.0	29.9	4.3	-13.4	7.2
Last 12 months	411.9	33.4	27.6	4.0	10.2	13.0	122.1	25.7	45.4	15.9	201.6
Previous 12	385.0	25.2	25.1	4.2	12.0	11.9	115.6	20.8	47.8	16.5	191.1
% change	7.0	32.5	10.3	-6.1	-15.3	9.1	5.6	23.9	-5.1	-3.4	5.5
% ch. year ago	9.3	35.9	22.3	-8.0	57.0	28.6	0.1	24.0	7.0	-23.7	6.4
% ch. prev mnth	-2.4	-10.1	-7.2	-43.9	-5.8	-1.4	-4.0	3.3	2.2	-6.5	-0.6



3 Employment by Industry — Services

Source: Statistics Canada

Period	Service Producing Sectors	Trade	Transportation & Warehousing	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Professional Scientific Technical	Education	Health & Social Assistance	Information, Culture & Recreation	Accommodation	Public Administration
	Thousands of persons									
	Seasonally Adjusted									
1999	1,509.9	308.5	117.9	119.9	136.7	127.5	195.2	91.6	152.7	90.4
2000	1,534.7	303.2	114.4	119.5	136.4	134.9	202.1	99.3	164.0	89.7
2001	1,550.4	309.5	106.9	116.2	141.0	135.7	203.8	106.2	170.6	88.8
2002	1,574.4	319.0	110.1	118.9	136.7	139.7	217.3	105.6	171.0	84.7
Jan-01	1,542.8	307.9	108.2	122.9	138.1	134.2	194.1	108.0	170.7	86.8
Feb-01	1,548.4	301.1	106.6	122.8	138.9	136.6	188.3	110.2	182.5	89.1
Mar-01	1,562.0	309.4	114.3	118.4	138.5	130.6	205.1	114.7	175.8	89.4
Apr-01	1,547.3	301.4	110.4	122.0	143.3	132.5	198.7	108.5	168.8	90.9
May-01	1,571.2	312.4	105.8	118.3	141.9	137.4	209.6	108.5	172.0	96.3
Jun-01	1,555.5	303.4	103.9	119.7	151.7	130.2	211.4	103.2	165.4	90.7
Jul-01	1,554.4	304.1	105.4	115.4	146.6	133.3	213.2	103.3	168.9	88.6
Aug-01	1,540.6	307.9	105.8	118.4	142.2	133.1	208.2	103.4	168.6	88.5
Sep-01	1,534.4	311.5	108.5	111.0	140.3	134.8	204.2	102.3	163.4	84.7
Oct-01	1,538.1	313.3	106.7	111.1	142.4	137.1	197.2	104.7	169.8	84.5
Nov-01	1,553.3	322.6	107.2	106.2	137.7	146.4	203.0	102.9	162.8	89.3
Dec-01	1,553.3	317.5	100.3	108.6	131.0	140.6	212.2	104.3	179.5	85.8
Jan-02	1,561.4	311.2	106.4	115.6	137.0	138.7	215.3	108.0	175.1	83.5
Feb-02	1,549.5	311.9	107.0	111.7	140.8	134.7	210.2	101.7	175.7	81.0
Mar-02	1,558.1	303.2	104.8	110.0	136.0	139.5	211.4	107.1	180.1	84.1
Apr-02	1,568.6	321.1	106.2	108.2	134.9	143.1	216.3	103.4	179.0	81.4
May-02	1,559.1	320.4	107.0	111.5	135.8	138.9	213.6	99.3	173.1	82.1
Jun-02	1,581.4	319.0	109.4	118.9	137.6	141.0	218.7	107.1	172.1	84.5
Jul-02	1,586.0	323.8	113.0	118.8	131.5	141.7	222.4	109.2	170.2	87.6
Aug-02	1,593.0	323.5	108.7	123.5	135.8	147.0	218.0	118.1	167.0	86.1
Sep-02	1,591.1	323.8	116.7	123.9	142.7	141.9	218.0	103.1	166.1	88.8
Oct-02	1,583.2	322.0	114.9	128.4	134.9	137.7	223.8	100.2	165.1	87.3
Nov-02	1,583.5	321.6	111.7	127.8	137.2	136.1	220.9	106.1	167.1	84.8
Dec-02	1,578.1	324.9	115.4	128.9	135.5	138.2	219.6	102.7	161.9	84.2
Jan-03	1,574.2	328.3	116.7	128.4	128.4	148.4	207.5	101.1	162.6	83.1
Feb-03	1,580.1	323.6	116.6	127.9	129.0	150.0	211.8	101.2	159.8	89.4
Mar-03	1,584.4	318.7	119.8	127.7	131.0	153.7	211.6	101.7	159.6	86.0
Apr-03	1,587.5	321.7	114.3	128.9	133.7	149.5	214.5	107.7	156.9	84.4
May-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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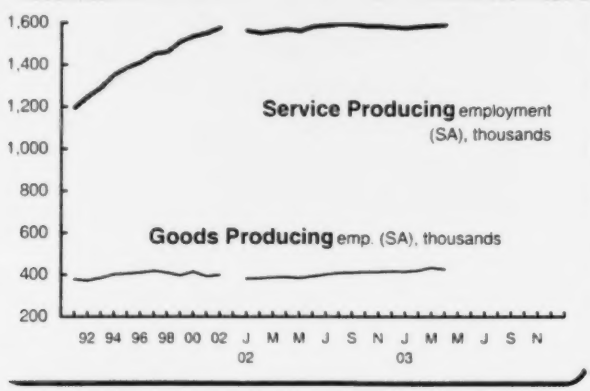
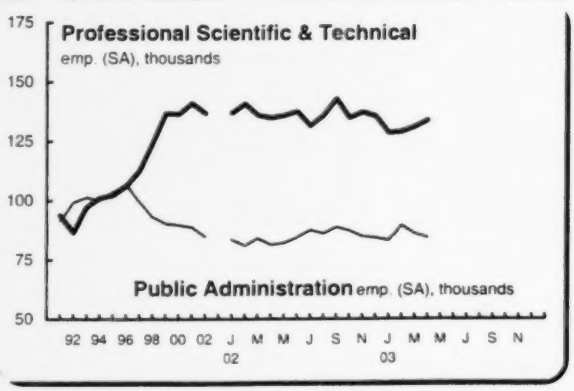
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 1,581.6	a 323.1	a 116.9	a 128.2	a 130.5	a 150.4	a 211.4	a 102.9	a 159.7	a 85.7
% change	1.4	3.6	10.1	15.1	-4.8	8.2	-0.9	-2.0	-10.0	3.9
Last 12 months	1,581.8	322.6	113.7	124.6	134.4	143.7	216.7	104.8	165.1	85.7
Previous 12	1,553.2	311.7	105.7	112.9	140.2	137.4	209.4	104.4	171.7	86.5
% change	1.8	3.5	7.6	10.4	-4.1	4.6	3.5	0.4	-3.8	-1.0
% ch. year ago	1.2	0.2	7.6	19.1	-0.9	4.5	-0.8	4.2	-12.3	3.7
% ch prev mnth	0.2	0.9	-4.6	0.9	2.1	-2.7	1.4	5.9	-1.7	-1.9

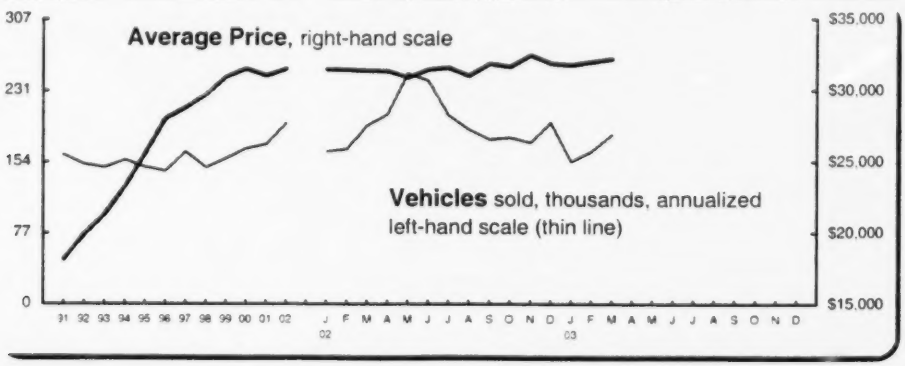




4 Business & Consumer

Incorporations/Corporate & Personal Registries.
BC Gov. CPI, Retail, MV Sales/Statistics Canada.

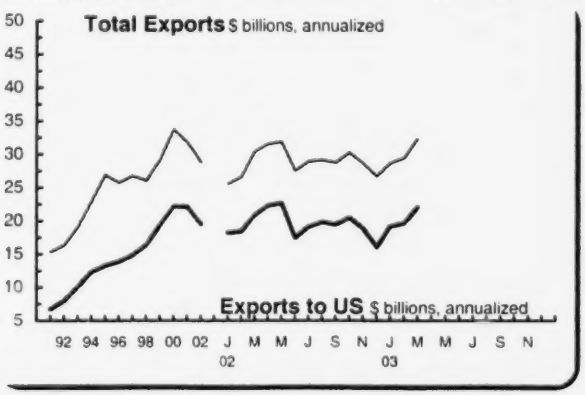
	Business			Consumer				
	Business	Bankruptcies		Consumer	Retail Sales		New Motor Vehicle Sales	
		Office of Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada						
	Incorporations	Business	Consumer	Price Index (BC)	All Stores	Department Stores	Units	Value
	Number			(1992=100)	$ million		Number	$ thousand
Period	Unadjusted				SA		Unadjusted	
1999	21,009	1,077	8,181	111.2	33,684.3	2,202.0	157,213	4,865,611
2000	21,515	980	9,184	113.3	35,820.6	2,151.5	167,770	5,286,870
2001	19,749	1,101	9,476	115.2	37,979.1	2,344.8	172,606	5,356,640
2002	21,262	1,107	9,531	117.9	40,272.6	2,425.2	195,132	6,151,629
Jan-01	1,595	93	773	114.5	3,077.4	134.2	10,600	326,444
Feb-01	1,466	86	818	112.6	3,114.5	137.5	10,713	334,033
Mar-01	2,175	93	912	113.3	3,111.6	169.1	15,574	496,910
Apr-01	1,494	92	744	115.0	3,116.0	172.9	15,568	486,416
May-01	1,842	90	892	115.6	3,151.2	182.9	17,983	546,264
Jun-01	1,661	88	847	116.3	3,181.8	183.9	17,106	532,138
Jul-01	1,585	79	694	116.3	3,180.8	183.4	13,945	425,172
Aug-01	1,536	87	827	116.1	3,183.6	193.7	14,394	437,731
Sep-01	1,383	70	711	116.7	3,173.6	182.5	13,340	407,631
Oct-01	1,785	117	840	115.8	3,177.0	202.1	12,991	403,885
Nov-01	1,667	109	795	114.9	3,222.4	234.3	14,556	459,236
Dec-01	1,560	96	621	114.8	3,289.1	368.3	15,836	500,780
Jan-02	1,504	103	805	115.4	3,285.2	144.3	13,737	432,290
Feb-02	1,876	118	803	115.9	3,312.7	143.6	13,965	439,351
Mar-02	1,655	104	861	116.6	3,300.9	176.5	16,071	504,331
Apr-02	1,944	119	846	117.7	3,329.8	182.0	17,098	536,147
May-02	1,849	97	817	118.1	3,371.8	196.7	20,729	640,620
Jun-02	1,624	83	809	118.2	3,410.6	195.9	20,099	632,543
Jul-02	2,034	85	796	118.5	3,347.6	188.6	17,009	537,576
Aug-02	1,524	88	797	118.7	3,359.7	198.6	15,728	488,008
Sep-02	1,755	66	795	118.8	3,357.8	187.0	14,829	472,900
Oct-02	2,000	97	851	118.7	3,398.6	201.3	14,986	474,423
Nov-02	1,901	61	717	118.9	3,416.0	243.6	14,557	472,875
Dec-02	1,596	84	630	118.8	3,381.9	367.2	16,324	520,565
Jan-03	2,122	101	731	119.0	3,433.3	150.1	12,828	407,722
Feb-03	1,804	93	857	119.6	3,474.7	149.8	13,736	439,599
Mar-03	1,952	103	879	120.6	3,373.3	176.0	15,225	490,340
Apr-03	1,844	-	-	120.4	-	-	-	-
May-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 7,722	t 297	t 2,467	a 119.9	t 10,281.3	t 476.0	t 41,789	t 1,337,661
% change	10.6	-8.6	-0.1	3.0	3.9	2.5	-4.5	-2.8
Last 12 months	22,005	1,077	9,525	119.0	40,655.2	2,436.9	193,148	6,113,318
Previous 12	19,998	1,153	9,440	116.0	38,574.3	2,368.4	179,492	5,575,225
% change	10.0	-6.6	0.9	2.6	5.4	2.9	7.6	9.7
% ch. year ago	-5.1	-1.0	2.1	2.3	2.2	-0.3	-5.3	-2.8
% ch. prev mnth	-5.5	10.8	2.6	-0.2	-2.9	17.5	10.8	11.5

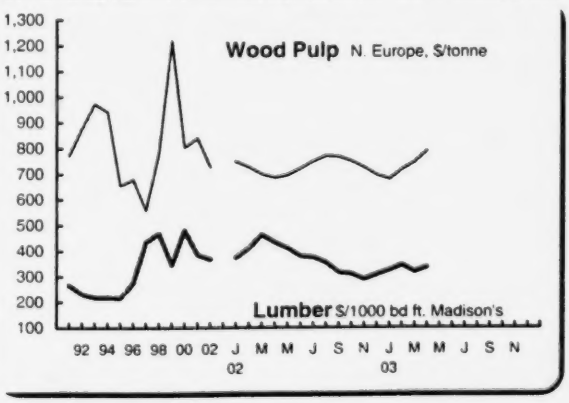


5 Foreign Trade & Commodities

Exports, Imports/Statistics Canada. Lumber/Madison's. Metals/London Metal Exchange. Oil/W Texas Intermed.

	BC Origin Exports to			Imports	Commodity Prices in Canadian $ (conversion to SC by Treasury Board Staff)						
	Total All Countries	United States	Japan	through BC ports	Lumber WSPF Madison's	Wood Pulp N. Europe	Copper London	Gold London	Silver London	Zinc London	Crude Oil
	$ million				$/1000 bd ft	$/tonne	$/lb.	$/troy oz.	$/troy oz.	$/lb.	$ per Barrel
Period	Unadjusted										
1999	29,113.3	19,370.7	4,468.3	27,169.8	344.86	1,218.08	1.06	413.78	7.77	8.71	28.73
2000	33,749.9	22,196.1	4,890.5	30,804.4	480.11	804.60	1.22	413.95	7.35	9.11	44.88
2001	31,780.0	22,110.1	4,058.0	31,643.7	383.47	839.49	1.11	419.83	6.79	0.62	40.29
2002	28,842.6	19,504.4	3,869.3	31,503.2	368.25	727.84	1.11	486.82	7.23	0.56	37.19
Jan-01	3,055.1	2,134.1	405.4	2,644.6	272.81	1,065.94	1.22	397.99	6.99	0.70	45.18
Feb-01	2,827.2	1,963.4	337.5	2,532.9	287.22	1,045.66	1.22	396.23	6.93	0.70	45.78
Mar-01	2,941.4	2,033.5	370.7	2,900.8	319.16	1,000.51	1.23	410.23	6.87	0.71	42.40
Apr-01	3,143.3	2,254.3	367.0	2,681.0	389.35	928.98	1.18	407.28	6.81	0.69	43.30
May-01	3,158.2	2,303.9	355.7	2,685.4	514.06	869.13	1.18	417.37	6.82	0.66	44.17
Jun-01	2,559.1	1,769.8	344.7	2,895.5	452.75	799.92	1.11	411.17	6.67	0.62	41.94
Jul-01	2,620.6	1,804.0	351.7	2,684.1	406.68	744.71	1.05	408.78	6.50	0.59	40.79
Aug-01	2,545.2	1,805.7	298.1	2,741.5	478.36	706.65	1.03	420.72	6.49	0.58	41.97
Sep-01	2,287.7	1,641.0	289.6	2,538.7	435.04	706.12	1.01	448.65	6.92	0.56	40.75
Oct-01	2,360.3	1,560.1	316.4	2,799.3	347.21	722.28	0.98	443.69	6.88	0.54	34.88
Nov-01	2,219.1	1,472.3	328.5	2,527.5	356.70	743.63	1.03	439.51	6.56	0.56	31.42
Dec-01	2,062.8	1,368.1	292.7	2,012.3	342.32	740.34	1.05	436.31	6.98	0.54	30.92
Jan-02	2,130.8	1,518.4	232.6	2,200.8	374.07	748.73	1.09	450.50	7.20	0.58	31.75
Feb-02	2,215.7	1,537.7	255.6	2,420.4	410.93	726.50	1.13	471.56	7.10	0.61	32.97
Mar-02	2,535.4	1,743.9	335.0	2,450.4	463.73	699.27	1.16	466.68	7.25	0.63	38.95
Apr-02	2,626.8	1,860.0	283.6	2,780.3	433.29	685.73	1.14	478.65	7.29	0.58	40.85
May-02	2,656.9	1,888.1	354.8	2,494.0	409.42	696.57	1.12	487.35	7.26	0.54	41.49
Jun-02	2,300.4	1,458.6	333.0	2,621.8	379.09	722.21	1.15	491.77	7.49	0.53	39.06
Jul-02	2,411.3	1,593.5	351.4	2,641.4	374.50	749.23	1.10	484.88	7.60	0.55	41.89
Aug-02	2,431.2	1,656.8	352.3	2,705.3	354.35	769.87	1.05	486.68	7.12	0.56	44.86
Sep-02	2,396.2	1,622.8	317.2	2,914.1	315.17	766.30	1.05	503.47	7.18	0.54	47.02
Oct-02	2,522.1	1,709.3	359.2	2,944.5	309.25	749.38	1.06	499.47	6.95	0.54	45.68
Nov-02	2,391.4	1,576.0	322.2	2,731.7	287.96	724.98	1.13	501.38	7.09	0.55	41.75
Dec-02	2,224.4	1,339.4	372.5	2,598.4	307.19	695.33	1.13	519.43	7.23	0.56	-
Jan-03	2,386.6	1,598.6	307.0	2,404.9	324.84	680.02	1.15	549.76	7.39	0.55	-
Feb-03	2,451.3	1,639.0	300.9	2,452.8	345.58	717.26	1.15	542.89	6.96	0.54	-
Mar-03	2,685.3	1,837.6	317.4	2,884.5	317.91	746.39	1.11	502.24	6.69	0.53	-
Apr-03	-	-	-	-	337.28	790.20	1.05	478.37	6.56	0.50	-
May-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 7,523.2	t 5,075.1	t 925.4	t 7,742.3	a 331.40	a 733.47	a 1.12	a 518.32	a 6.90	a 0.53	a 40.57
% change	9.3	5.7	12.4	9.5	-21.2	2.6	-1.3	11.0	-4.3	-11.7	-1.4
Last 12 months	29,483.9	19,779.4	3,971.5	32,173.8	338.55	733.98	1.10	503.97	7.13	0.54	39.77
Previous 12	29,838.1	20,779.2	3,767.5	30,636.9	417.93	741.08	1.08	441.13	6.89	0.59	41.34
% change	-1.2	-4.8	5.4	5.0	-19.0	-1.0	2.2	14.2	3.5	-7.9	-3.8
% ch. year ago	5.9	5.4	-5.2	17.7	-22.2	15.2	-7.9	-0.1	-10.0	-13.8	32.9
% ch. prev mnth	9.5	12.1	5.5	17.6	6.1	5.9	-5.4	-4.8	-1.9	-5.7	-8.6

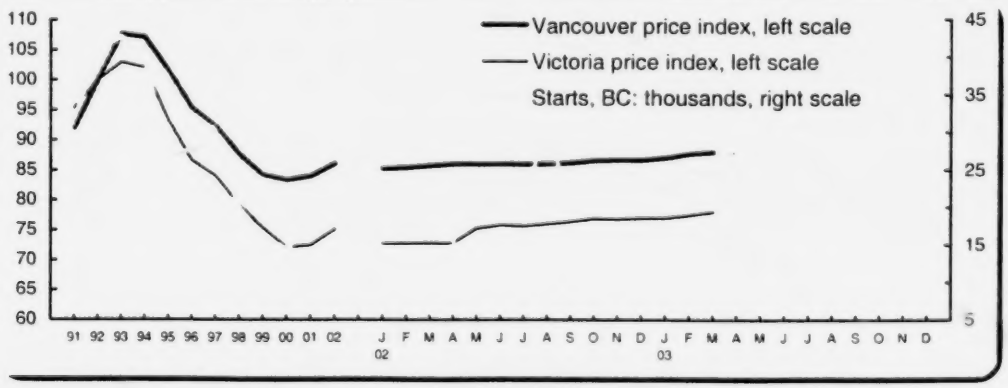




6 Construction and Housing

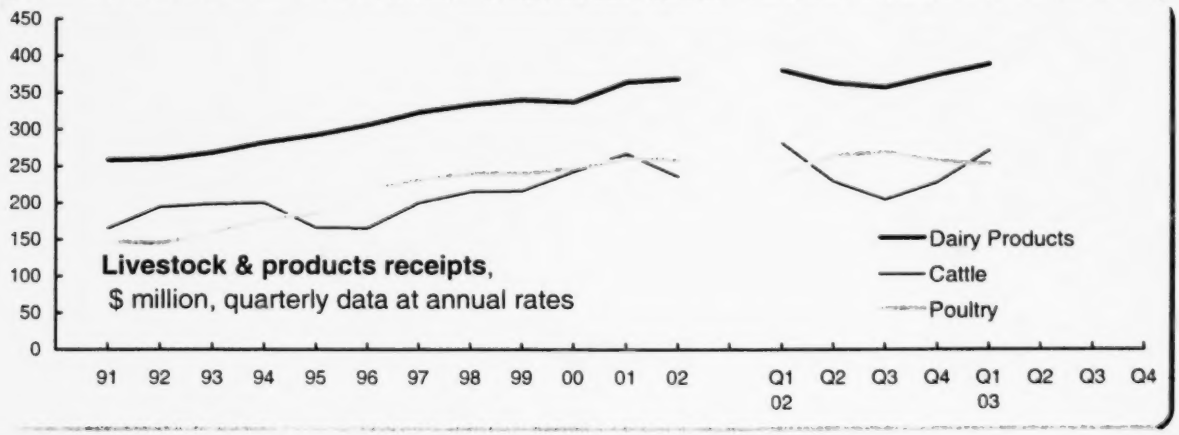
Housing Starts/Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation. MLS/Multiple Listing Service.

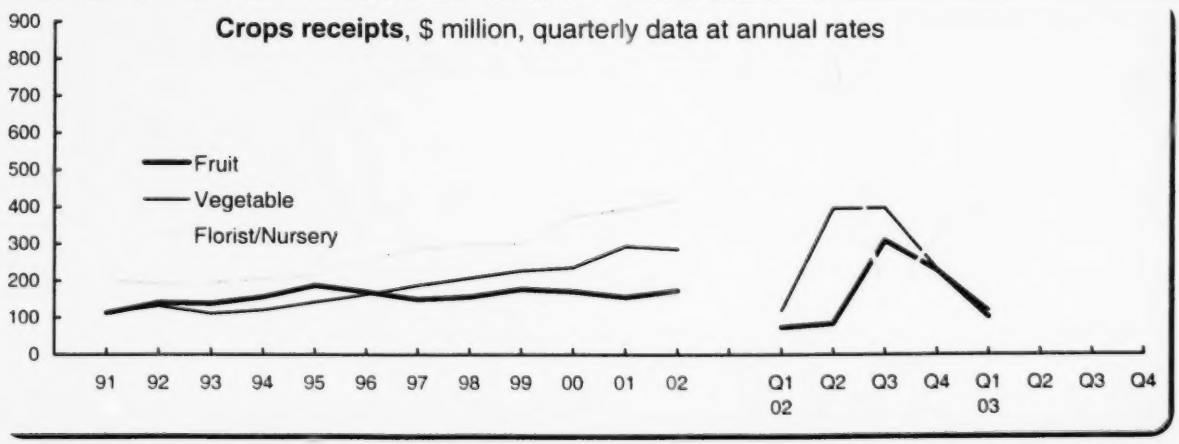
	Building Permits (Source: Statistics Canada)				Housing Starts	New House Price Index (Source: Statistics Canada)		MLS® Average
	Residential	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Government	All Areas	Vancouver	Victoria	Sale Price
	$ thousand				Thousands	1992=100		$
Period	Seasonally Adjusted				SAAR	Unadjusted		
1999	2,591,740	319,145	1,142,105	642,511	16.3	84.1	75.3	215,283
2000	2,403,140	295,525	1,297,270	496,062	14.4	83.3	72.1	216,989
2001	2,829,874	221,353	1,171,233	732,312	17.2	84.0	72.5	220,952
2002	3,888,147	230,119	1,116,741	424,408	21.6	86.0	75.1	238,758
Jan-01	255,306	13,334	106,066	40,488	18.6	83.0	72.0	212,316
Feb-01	192,025	17,744	152,825	42,311	15.7	83.1	72.3	219,457
Mar-01	220,914	34,167	105,780	35,866	14.5	83.2	72.3	220,108
Apr-01	209,409	21,389	123,401	94,240	17.4	83.3	72.3	218,326
May-01	273,919	18,884	106,136	81,775	17.5	83.5	72.4	225,365
Jun-01	252,338	16,692	112,650	62,600	18.4	83.6	72.4	220,747
Jul-01	253,825	20,184	98,679	100,429	17.5	84.1	72.6	223,208
Aug-01	222,431	20,077	89,505	50,023	15.1	84.2	72.6	222,995
Sep-01	203,800	16,860	72,013	116,597	17.6	84.5	72.5	222,817
Oct-01	292,208	17,653	75,726	49,949	19.2	84.8	72.6	218,773
Nov-01	199,559	14,551	68,478	28,268	17.5	85.1	72.7	220,346
Dec-01	254,141	9,818	59,974	29,766	17.0	85.0	72.7	226,524
Jan-02	267,208	9,047	126,551	15,140	19.9	85.2	72.7	227,278
Feb-02	298,083	7,837	70,847	28,726	17.3	85.4	72.8	239,065
Mar-02	314,262	8,965	75,508	45,184	21.2	85.7	72.8	240,277
Apr-02	355,054	40,967	90,266	30,001	15.4	86.0	72.8	241,274
May-02	280,270	13,653	76,347	45,177	21.5	86.0	75.3	246,343
Jun-02	291,375	18,780	126,673	42,078	23.5	86.0	75.8	237,494
Jul-02	295,338	44,226	83,454	40,013	20.8	86.0	75.7	232,181
Aug-02	346,185	21,649	69,729	33,380	31.0	86.0	76.0	233,105
Sep-02	302,575	13,330	105,675	35,673	19.2	86.2	76.4	241,662
Oct-02	391,734	19,862	103,331	35,024	21.9	86.6	76.9	240,719
Nov-02	321,327	19,811	98,536	33,440	25.4	86.7	76.8	245,895
Dec-02	424,740	11,992	89,824	40,572	23.4	86.7	77.0	244,004
Jan-03	361,590	18,846	140,232	36,147	22.2	87.0	77.0	242,202
Feb-03	293,940	11,044	64,194	32,484	25.2	87.7	77.5	256,430
Mar-03	437,126	11,816	79,218	27,529	24.0	88.0	78.0	252,979
Apr-03	-	-	-	-	28.1	-	-	250,071
May-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 1,092,656	t 41,706	t 283,644	t 96,160	a 24.9	a 87.6	a 77.5	a 250,421
% change	24.2	61.3	3.9	8.0	34.8	2.5	6.5	5.7
Last 12 months	4,101,254	245,976	1,127,479	431,518	23.9	86.6	76.3	243,590
Previous 12	3,041,183	181,957	1,079,468	702,697	17.8	84.5	72.6	227,389
% change	34.9	35.2	4.4	-38.6	34.0	2.4	5.1	7.1
% ch. year ago	39.1	31.8	4.9	-39.1	82.5	2.7	7.1	3.6
% ch prev mnth	48.7	7.0	23.4	-15.3	17.1	0.3	0.6	-1.1



7 Agriculture

Period	Farm Cash Receipts (Source: Statistics Canada)										
	Livestock and Products					Crops					Total
	Dairy Products	Cattle	Poultry	Other	Total	Fruit	Vege-tables	Florist/ Nursery	Other	Total	Farm Cash Receipts
	$ thousand										
	Unadjusted										
1999	340,031	216,299	239,616	223,170	1,019,116	176,873	227,080	300,769	172,890	877,612	1,937,540
2000	336,977	242,423	247,310	256,878	1,083,588	170,919	235,747	377,167	168,523	952,356	2,074,488
2001	364,478	266,566	260,896	265,180	1,157,120	156,010	293,052	394,354	188,208	1,031,624	2,248,607
2002	368,630	235,613	257,753	252,481	1,114,477	173,486	285,264	423,694	213,715	1,096,159	2,241,551
Q1-01	89,594	73,614	57,828	62,446	283,482	18,179	33,153	98,587	52,097	202,016	497,003
Q2-01	91,240	64,655	67,616	54,720	278,231	21,670	94,244	192,142	39,408	347,464	631,267
Q3-01	90,438	45,545	69,162	60,362	265,507	67,190	102,324	27,189	34,913	231,616	509,029
Q4-01	93,206	82,752	66,290	87,652	329,900	48,971	63,331	76,436	61,790	250,528	611,308
Q1-02	95,023	70,276	60,131	61,121	286,551	18,408	29,572	105,923	50,994	204,897	501,066
Q2-02	90,794	57,284	66,268	49,405	263,751	21,031	98,829	206,176	37,800	363,836	630,785
Q3-02	89,238	51,048	67,293	55,010	262,589	77,122	99,132	28,157	47,016	251,427	519,767
Q4-02	93,575	57,005	64,061	86,945	301,586	56,925	57,731	83,438	77,905	275,999	589,933
Q1-03	97,255	67,831	63,225	61,469	289,780	25,278	29,878	107,349	54,465	216,970	514,621
Q2-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q3-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q4-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 97,255	t 67,831	t 63,225	t 61,469	t 289,780	t 32,154	t 29,878	t 107,349	t 47,589	t 216,970	t 514,621
% change	2.3	-3.5	5.1	0.6	1.1	25.2	1.0	1.3	8.9	5.9	2.7
Last 4 quarters	370,862	233,168	260,847	252,829	1,117,706	180,356	285,570	425,120	217,186	1,108,232	2,255,106
Previous 4	369,907	263,228	263,199	263,855	1,160,189	156,239	289,471	401,690	187,105	1,034,505	2,252,670
% change	0.3	-11.4	-0.9	-4.2	-3.7	15.4	-1.3	5.8	16.1	7.1	0.1
% ch. year ago	2.3	-3.5	5.1	0.6	1.1	34.2	1.0	1.3	7.2	5.9	2.7
% ch. prev qtr	3.9	19.0	-1.3	-29.3	-3.9	-57.3	-48.2	28.7	-26.7	-21.4	-12.8

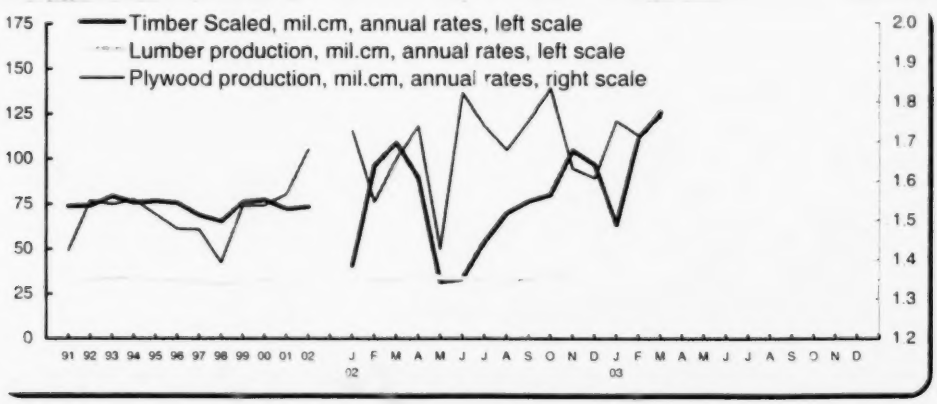




8 Forestry & Fibre

Timber/Ministry of Forests. Lumber and Plywood/Statistics Canada.
Pulp and Paper/Pulp and Paper Products Council.

Period	Timber Scaled	Production					Shipments			
		Lumber	Ply-wood	News-print	Other Paper	Total Paper	Market Pulp	News-print	Other paper	Total
	Thousand cubic metres			Thousands of tonnes			Thousands of tonnes			
	Unadjusted									
1999	75,997	32,397.1	1,538	1,379	1,660	3,039	4,995	1,380	1,636	8,010
2000	76,984	32,352.4	1,539	1,428	1,665	3,093	5,152	1,452	1,674	8,289
2001	72,009	30,182.1	1,567	1,267	1,633	2,900	4,710	1,268	1,611	7,589
2002	73,386	33,555.2	1,681	1,171	1,749	2,920	4,493	1,165	1,732	7,391
Jan-01	5,254	2,854.8	129	128	148	276	388	128	142	657
Feb-01	9,182	3,013.0	126	114	133	247	410	111	124	644
Mar-01	10,023	2,515.2	129	116	145	261	426	119	142	687
Apr-01	7,243	2,772.4	133	113	137	250	433	115	131	679
May-01	2,617	2,751.8	135	113	138	251	394	99	132	625
Jun-01	2,406	2,728.5	139	83	130	213	411	99	133	643
Jul-01	4,230	2,230.8	139	95	130	225	419	91	124	634
Aug-01	6,370	2,357.0	119	108	142	250	351	106	139	597
Sep-01	6,570	2,468.4	136	99	127	226	365	109	130	604
Oct-01	7,432	2,329.3	141	115	149	264	387	103	153	643
Nov-01	5,350	2,300.3	131	101	143	244	343	94	133	571
Dec-01	5,332	1,860.6	110	82	111	193	383	94	128	605
Jan-02	3,366	2,811.6	144	76	136	212	318	78	129	525
Feb-02	8,011	2,753.2	129	91	133	224	368	84	125	578
Mar-02	9,078	2,662.2	138	83	142	225	394	86	141	621
Apr-02	7,434	3,139.0	145	97	139	236	391	99	132	622
May-02	2,623	2,838.0	119	107	143	250	355	94	147	596
Jun-02	2,774	2,794.9	152	98	136	234	430	112	147	689
Jul-02	4,493	2,787.2	145	106	152	258	392	107	148	647
Aug-02	5,810	2,677.3	140	98	158	256	354	100	151	606
Sep-02	6,361	2,790.2	146	104	157	261	348	99	152	599
Oct-02	6,665	3,137.0	153	109	153	262	340	104	162	606
Nov-02	8,711	2,731.8	136	98	158	256	383	96	155	634
Dec-02	8,060	2,432.8	134	104	142	246	420	106	143	668
Jan-03	5,290	-	146	107	156	263	441	104	142	687
Feb-03	9,296	-	143	95	135	230	390	90	138	618
Mar-03	10,494	-	147	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 25,080	t 33,555	t 436	t 202	t 291	t 493	t 831	t 194	t 280	t 1,305
% change	22.6	11.2	6.1	21.0	8.2	13.1	21.1	19.8	10.2	18.3
Last 12 months	78,011	33,555	1,706	1,206	1,771	2,977	4,638	1,197	1,758	7,593
Previous 12	68,005	30,182	1,594	1,192	1,621	2,813	4,598	1,191	1,599	7,391
% change	14.7	11.2	7.0	1.2	9.3	5.8	0.9	0.5	9.9	2.7
% ch. year ago	15.6	30.8	6.5	4.4	1.5	2.7	6.0	7.1	10.4	6.9
% ch. prev mnth	12.9	-10.9	2.8	-11.2	-13.5	-12.5	-11.6	-13.5	-2.8	-10.0



9 Mining and Energy

Coal/Ministry of Energy and Mines. Metals/Ministry of Energy and Mines & Natural Resources Canada. Energy/Statistics Canada.

	Coal			Base Metal				Precious Metal		Energy		
Period	Thermal	Metal-lurgical	Total	Copper	Lead	Zinc	Moly	Gold	Silver	Natural Gas	Crude Oil	Electricity
	Thousands of tonnes			Million kilograms				Million grams		Million m3	Thousand m3	GW.h
	Unadjusted											
1999	1,631.4	22,670.0	24,301.5	178.2	40.3	126.2	6.3	25.0	497.3	24,635.1	2,347.6	68,044,863
2000	1,455.1	23,804.3	25,259.3	270.7	46.9	145.5	7.0	25.2	586.9	25,024.3	2,552.3	68,240,926
2001	1,442.6	25,754.2	27,196.9	275.2	35.3	108.9	8.6	23.6	604.3	28,789.4	2,495.6	57,332,112
2002	-	-	-	243.7	2.3	44.9	7.5	21.7	659.6	-	-	64,618,424
Jan-01	100.7	2,191.0	2,291.8	23.1	2.8	8.6	0.6	2.1	52.3	2,187.5	201.8	5,643,655
Feb-01	168.1	1,995.1	2,163.1	22.7	3.2	9.7	0.7	1.9	50.7	2,010.0	183.7	5,421,711
Mar-01	158.2	2,214.4	2,372.6	23.1	1.5	6.0	0.7	1.9	39.2	2,200.3	209.7	4,528,090
Apr-01	167.0	2,181.9	2,348.9	21.5	4.0	6.3	1.1	1.8	56.8	2,322.3	223.7	4,683,280
May-01	103.1	2,196.7	2,299.8	19.6	5.1	8.5	0.9	2.4	54.0	2,434.4	187.5	4,421,192
Jun-01	139.3	2,147.5	2,286.9	22.0	5.8	17.1	0.7	2.1	42.7	2,303.1	205.5	3,699,177
Jul-01	144.4	2,032.2	2,176.6	25.7	0.4	3.9	0.6	2.3	59.4	2,607.0	217.0	3,700,006
Aug-01	56.2	1,908.7	1,964.9	27.7	4.8	13.3	0.7	1.8	39.6	2,614.9	223.0	4,327,732
Sep-01	82.8	2,339.0	2,421.8	22.8	2.2	4.4	0.7	1.9	55.5	2,487.1	214.4	4,431,823
Oct-01	88.3	2,359.4	2,447.7	22.6	0.6	10.2	0.6	2.0	48.1	2,590.6	211.3	5,199,294
Nov-01	97.7	2,354.2	2,451.9	19.6	2.9	8.8	0.6	1.4	40.6	2,497.7	208.5	5,037,577
Dec-01	136.8	1,834.1	1,970.9	25.0	2.0	12.2	0.6	2.1	65.2	2,534.5	209.5	6,238,575
Jan-02	103.7	2,135.9	2,239.6	19.9	-	-	0.8	1.7	52.9	2,576.8	191.9	6,151,392
Feb-02	136.1	1,974.8	2,111.0	19.3	-	-	0.6	1.2	32.6	2,396.8	183.7	5,271,838
Mar-02	98.2	1,992.7	2,090.9	21.7	-	-	0.6	2.1	73.7	2,784.5	216.2	5,062,654
Apr-02	116.5	2,290.8	2,407.3	20.5	0.1	2.9	0.6	1.7	63.4	2,752.2	208.6	4,769,979
May-02	156.3	2,222.5	2,378.8	21.6	0.1	3.0	0.5	1.8	61.9	2,834.6	208.9	4,116,630
Jun-02	183.8	2,043.0	2,226.8	21.0	0.4	7.2	0.7	1.9	45.3	2,686.3	208.9	4,142,389
Jul-02	114.4	1,696.9	1,811.2	20.8	0.4	3.4	0.6	1.8	48.7	2,733.3	206.0	5,539,833
Aug-02	150.5	1,709.7	1,860.2	18.1	0.1	6.5	0.5	1.8	54.9	2,432.3	200.9	5,510,772
Sep-02	117.0	2,054.4	2,171.4	19.5	0.6	5.9	0.7	1.9	62.6	-	-	5,472,049
Oct-02	162.3	1,843.1	2,010.5	20.2	0.1	6.1	0.5	2.0	66.7	-	-	5,828,257
Nov-02	118.6	1,954.7	2,073.3	20.7	0.4	7.5	0.9	1.6	43.0	-	-	6,168,682
Dec-02	-	-	-	22.1	-	-	0.7	2.4	61.2	-	-	6,583,949
Jan-03	-	-	-	19.6	0.6	8.2	0.8	1.5	35.9	-	-	6,309,245
Feb-03	-	-	-	18.4	0.1	7.0	0.7	1.6	46.8	-	-	5,514,376
Mar-03	-	-	-	19.9	0.3	6.3	0.8	2.0	76.7	-	-	-
Apr-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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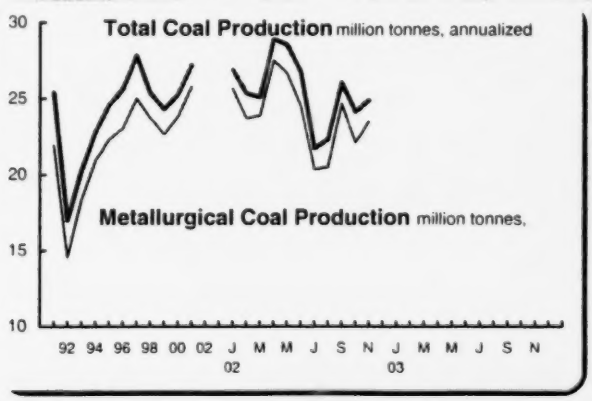
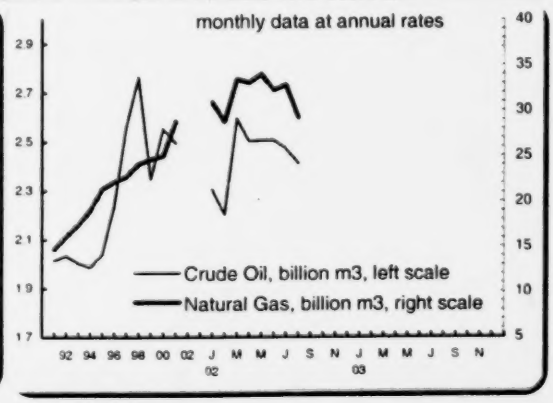
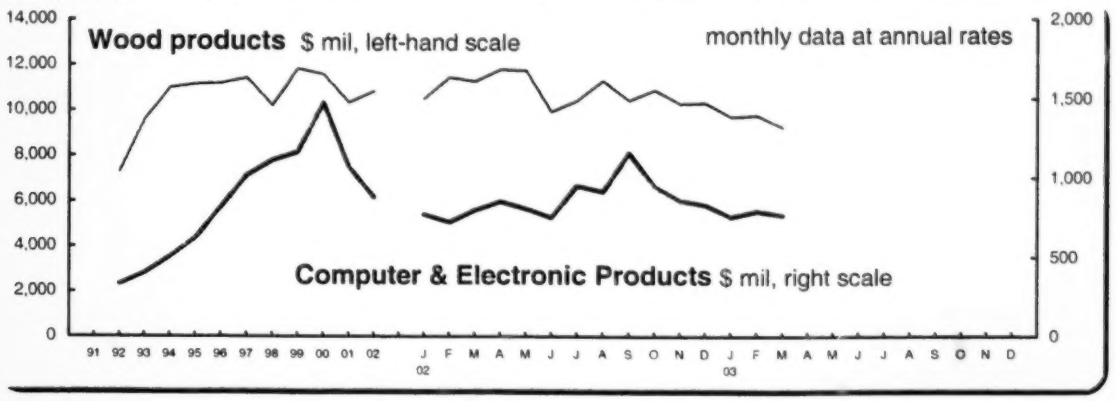
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 1,457.4	t 21,918.5	t 23,381.0	t 57.9	t 1.0	t 21.5	t 2.3	t 5.1	t 159.4	t 21,196.8	t 1,625.1	t 11,823,621
% change	11.6	-8.4	-7.3	-4.9	0.0	0.0	15.9	2.2	0.1	13.5	-1.6	3.5
Last 12 months	1,594.2	23,752.6	25,351.9	242.4	3.1	64.0	8.0	21.8	667.1	31,306.7	2,468.8	65,018,815
Previous 12	1,358.5	25,803.7	27,162.3	267.4	27.8	84.7	8.5	22.7	621.1	27,201.9	2,476.9	57,689,976
% change	17.4	-7.9	-6.7	-9.3	-88.7	-24.4	-5.9	-4.0	7.4	15.1	-0.3	12.7
% ch. year ago	21.4	-17.0	-15.4	-8.3	0.0	0.0	36.4	-4.7	4.1	-7.0	-9.9	4.6
% ch. prev mnth	-26.9	6.1	3.1	8.2	125.6	-10.0	8.7	25.5	63.9	-11.0	-2.5	-12.6





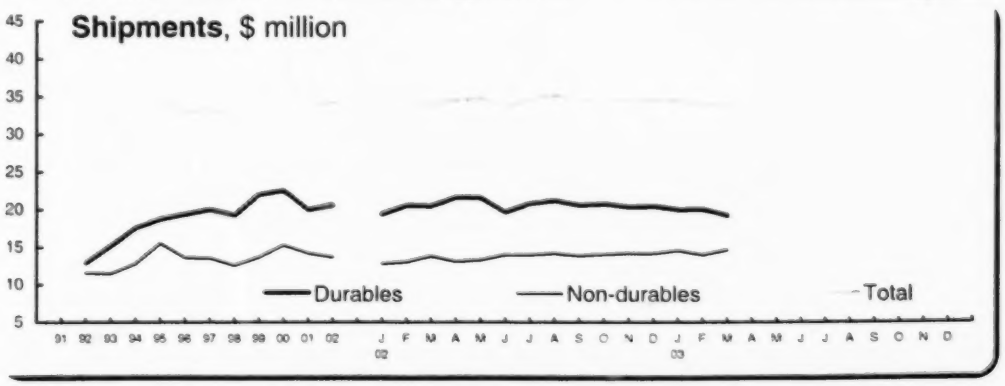
10 Manufacturing — Durables, NAICS based

	Value of Manufactured Shipments (Source: Statistics Canada)								
	Total All Shipments	Total Durables	Wood	Non-Metallic Minerals	Fabricated Metals	Machinery	Computer & Electronics	Electrical Equipment	Transportation Equipment
	$ thousand								
Period	Seasonally Adjusted								
1999	35,616,043	21,981,658	11,806,900	1,074,703	1,496,425	1,621,465	1,163,437	465,488	1,826,006
2000	37,767,533	22,501,001	11,565,797	1,074,892	1,701,357	1,772,723	1,473,178	575,943	1,602,665
2001	34,106,110	19,951,755	10,330,079	1,160,355	1,575,248	1,466,685	1,067,970	515,043	1,348,986
2002	34,236,168	20,556,818	10,830,180	1,357,210	1,609,307	1,594,173	878,535	345,393	1,283,029
Jan-01	3,018,896	1,771,819	886,387	91,849	136,886	142,465	124,518	54,908	107,998
Feb-01	2,967,184	1,746,697	869,852	86,968	134,905	143,499	123,333	54,766	109,357
Mar-01	2,956,761	1,687,044	851,775	93,518	131,726	132,169	103,069	48,571	111,141
Apr-01	2,929,079	1,730,040	884,329	92,189	133,892	134,066	104,176	47,881	121,269
May-01	2,967,239	1,748,597	912,629	96,510	129,578	120,940	108,621	49,965	114,989
Jun-01	2,878,570	1,696,075	904,704	98,982	127,998	123,337	85,541	43,115	107,455
Jul-01	2,848,338	1,734,143	913,655	97,976	134,026	122,085	96,958	41,400	118,955
Aug-01	2,801,981	1,660,877	880,167	98,194	129,758	117,450	69,539	47,357	113,580
Sep-01	2,732,842	1,607,095	856,928	96,736	130,998	113,586	65,375	35,871	103,218
Oct-01	2,703,105	1,542,410	791,180	101,695	128,631	112,460	73,538	28,888	112,497
Nov-01	2,690,212	1,543,274	777,311	102,465	131,607	107,941	66,258	33,422	137,893
Dec-01	2,672,206	1,549,296	820,100	99,994	125,596	106,937	64,838	33,981	103,756
Jan-02	2,677,644	1,612,815	874,710	102,273	131,557	108,817	64,207	30,492	96,106
Feb-02	2,791,783	1,707,663	953,170	106,689	132,851	111,128	60,112	30,747	109,372
Mar-02	2,849,295	1,701,115	937,548	98,913	125,413	129,117	66,440	29,571	101,831
Apr-02	2,884,539	1,798,121	981,526	108,478	137,452	124,125	71,101	27,564	131,877
May-02	2,901,372	1,794,284	979,186	117,187	139,711	127,383	67,277	28,278	111,267
Jun-02	2,793,577	1,632,276	827,368	112,739	137,734	132,893	62,567	25,316	112,423
Jul-02	2,891,198	1,731,590	867,609	114,838	140,731	126,088	79,400	25,659	145,027
Aug-02	2,939,186	1,762,217	941,052	118,097	143,514	137,647	76,154	28,359	95,959
Sep-02	2,861,978	1,709,605	868,536	119,246	129,230	136,518	96,557	29,360	112,061
Oct-02	2,895,850	1,727,572	906,928	112,669	130,137	143,207	79,001	27,753	87,086
Nov-02	2,868,679	1,691,574	856,477	119,112	135,531	153,541	71,558	31,104	93,648
Dec-02	2,880,562	1,702,801	859,879	127,269	133,498	155,022	69,234	30,762	95,088
Jan-03	2,870,703	1,662,453	807,960	127,779	139,578	146,538	62,858	32,318	100,925
Feb-03	2,826,125	1,665,181	813,702	128,038	147,176	149,549	65,924	32,725	89,697
Mar-03	2,813,797	1,597,767	769,209	125,890	143,154	138,041	63,689	31,840	101,792
Apr-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 8,510,625	t 4,925,401	t 2,390,871	t 381,707	t 429,908	t 434,128	t 192,471	t 96,883	t 292,414
% change	2.3	-1.9	-13.5	24.0	10.3	24.4	0.9	6.7	-4.8
Last 12 months	34,427,566	20,475,441	10,479,432	1,431,342	1,657,446	1,670,552	865,320	351,038	1,276,850
Previous 12	33,542,294	19,833,400	10,506,431	1,192,616	1,561,905	1,407,864	925,603	452,690	1,340,921
% change	2.6	3.2	-0.3	20.0	6.1	18.7	-6.5	-22.5	-4.8
% ch. year ago	-1.2	-6.1	-18.0	27.3	14.1	6.9	-4.1	7.7	0.0
% ch prev mnth	-0.4	-4.0	-5.5	-1.7	-2.7	-7.7	-3.4	-2.7	13.5



11 Manufacturing — Non-Durables, NAICS based

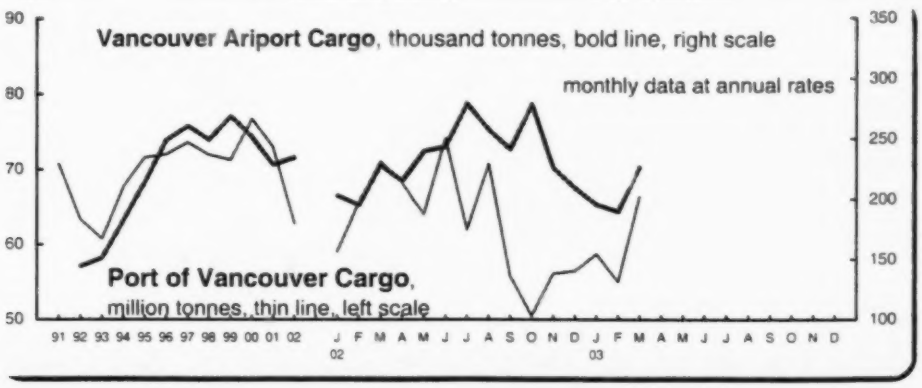
	Value of Manufactured Shipments- Seasonally Adjusted (Source: Statistics Canada)							
	Total Non-Durables	Food	Beverage	Paper	Printing & Related Support	Petroleum & Coal	Chemicals	Plastics & Rubber
	$ thousand							
Period	Seasonally Adjusted							
1999	13,634,385	3,718,121	1,006,352	5,427,506	711,152	756,207	888,458	944,614
2000	15,266,531	3,804,672	1,010,774	6,729,940	771,403	768,139	925,544	1,061,664
2001	14,154,350	4,129,844	907,714	5,422,408	681,336	792,347	1,003,995	1,039,306
2002	13,679,349	4,270,321	990,256	4,789,590	608,135	753,938	1,075,604	1,007,564
Jan-01	1,247,077	332,411	78,193	521,371	63,637	69,016	81,674	85,684
Feb-01	1,220,487	334,657	77,709	497,711	57,847	67,455	83,336	88,203
Mar-01	1,269,717	342,388	76,418	545,235	60,158	63,606	81,345	86,808
Apr-01	1,199,039	343,562	74,616	477,433	55,863	66,620	79,549	87,591
May-01	1,218,642	344,464	74,821	486,574	58,210	66,405	83,544	90,284
Jun-01	1,182,495	340,597	69,662	459,763	54,511	66,414	84,926	92,391
Jul-01	1,114,195	324,524	75,304	411,742	56,750	67,995	76,760	85,937
Aug-01	1,141,104	349,553	77,257	405,736	57,673	66,917	84,891	84,322
Sep-01	1,125,747	351,732	74,335	390,251	55,851	64,528	84,797	86,408
Oct-01	1,160,695	360,934	75,670	428,662	52,213	62,702	85,969	80,310
Nov-01	1,146,938	358,262	75,586	405,370	53,696	64,514	89,456	85,858
Dec-01	1,122,910	346,594	77,378	392,560	54,976	66,918	84,150	84,599
Jan-02	1,064,829	352,974	74,740	347,882	52,426	63,609	82,595	76,600
Feb-02	1,084,120	350,878	69,465	369,908	53,450	61,886	83,105	80,207
Mar-02	1,148,180	343,679	76,468	417,132	53,361	72,455	87,376	82,763
Apr-02	1,086,418	346,745	76,439	364,370	52,079	64,911	84,598	81,608
May-02	1,107,088	351,576	76,796	377,249	51,541	64,568	85,853	85,040
Jun-02	1,161,301	348,743	81,555	423,595	52,693	63,498	87,500	89,187
Jul-02	1,159,608	352,036	81,883	411,464	55,828	65,680	87,257	89,595
Aug-02	1,176,969	359,582	83,503	421,729	54,839	60,953	93,568	87,647
Sep-02	1,152,373	356,434	86,454	415,116	44,781	61,748	90,916	80,928
Oct-02	1,168,278	368,855	90,144	400,072	45,955	61,326	99,955	85,951
Nov-02	1,177,105	365,466	90,745	425,386	46,752	56,229	96,730	81,038
Dec-02	1,177,761	366,932	90,277	415,687	45,652	59,627	96,568	85,961
Jan-03	1,208,250	389,664	89,450	420,530	46,521	64,039	100,418	87,750
Feb-03	1,160,944	367,244	86,445	387,073	47,050	66,036	105,453	90,175
Mar-03	1,216,030	371,005	85,192	444,757	44,634	68,278	102,804	87,460
Apr-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 3,585,224	t 1,127,913	t 261,087	t 1,252,360	t 138,205	t 198,353	t 308,675	t 265,385
% change	8.7	7.7	18.3	10.3	-13.2	0.2	22.0	10.8
Last 12 months	13,952,125	4,344,282	1,018,883	4,907,028	588,325	756,893	1,131,620	1,032,340
Previous 12	13,708,894	4,167,753	895,302	4,993,013	658,980	790,963	1,007,118	1,017,270
% change	1.8	4.2	13.8	-1.7	-10.7	-4.3	12.4	1.5
% ch. year ago	5.9	8.0	11.4	6.6	-16.4	-5.8	17.7	5.7
% ch prev mnth	4.7	1.0	-1.4	14.9	-5.1	3.4	-2.5	-3.0



12 Service Sector — Transportation

All data from respective ports, carriers, & authorities.

	Freight shipments				Passengers			
	Port of Vancouver			Vancouver Airport	BC Ferries			Coquihalla
	Shipping - Cargo Handled			Cargo	Arrivals/	Mainland/Vancouver Island		Hwy Pas'nger
	Foreign	Coastwise	Total	Handled	Departures	Passengers	Vehicles	Vehicles
Period	Thousand tonnes			Tonnes	Thousands	Thousands		
1999	67,079	4,133	71,214	269,130	8,314	11,211	3,599	2,378
2000	72,463	4,181	76,646	251,772	8,306	11,123	3,593	2,390
2001	68,927	4,010	72,936	228,674	7,869	11,022	3,672	2,443
2002	59,636	3,163	62,799	234,857	7,422	11,101	3,720	2,518
Jan-01	5,779	351	6,130	17,019	598	582	211	101
Feb-01	6,169	331	6,500	16,625	588	574	209	105
Mar-01	5,507	339	5,846	19,695	651	811	277	163
Apr-01	6,701	317	7,018	17,840	645	859	298	190
May-01	6,301	410	6,711	19,015	720	952	318	217
Jun-01	5,955	276	6,231	20,781	732	1,026	333	233
Jul-01	5,930	359	6,290	22,302	798	1,429	428	338
Aug-01	5,231	368	5,598	21,274	860	1,593	475	399
Sep-01	4,964	360	5,323	16,401	571	986	334	250
Oct-01	5,785	363	6,148	19,338	599	790	282	188
Nov-01	5,575	308	5,883	19,594	517	639	239	122
Dec-01	5,030	228	5,258	18,790	588	781	268	138
Jan-02	4,661	260	4,922	16,919	538	559	208	97
Feb-02	5,263	202	5,465	16,279	518	575	212	105
Mar-02	5,663	253	5,916	19,041	585	799	274	162
Apr-02	5,385	294	5,678	17,911	586	805	284	170
May-02	5,044	291	5,335	19,986	643	967	327	233
Jun-02	5,902	276	6,178	20,314	655	1,031	340	246
Jul-02	4,837	327	5,164	23,284	718	1,415	429	361
Aug-02	5,625	269	5,894	21,464	790	1,617	481	415
Sep-02	4,390	261	4,651	20,139	642	1,003	346	251
Oct-02	3,922	287	4,209	23,249	641	851	298	203
Nov-02	4,434	245	4,679	18,842	507	667	242	126
Dec-02	4,510	198	4,708	17,429	599	812	279	151
Jan-03	4,664	229	4,893	16,287	544	587	217	103
Feb-03	4,339	248	4,586	15,811	514	591	220	113
Mar-03	5,277	253	5,530	18,908	571	776	271	143
Apr-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	191
May-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 14,280	t 730	t 15,009	t 51,006	t 1,629	t 1,954	t 708	t 549
% change	-8.4	2.1	-7.9	-2.4	-0.8	1.1	2.0	3.0
Last 12 months	58,329	3,178	61,505	233,624	7,410	11,122	3,734	2,534
Previous 12	67,059	3,704	70,763	227,574	7,672	10,988	3,669	2,417
% change	-13.0	-14.2	-13.1	2.7	-3.4	1.2	1.8	4.9
% ch. year ago	-6.8	0.0	-6.5	-0.7	-2.4	-2.9	-1.1	12.5
% ch. prev mnth	21.6	2.0	20.6	19.6	11.1	31.3	23.2	33.8



13 Service Sector – Tourism

Hotel Occupancy & Convention Delegate Days with permission of Pannell Kerr Forster. Airport figures from respective airports. Tourism Room Revenue, BC STATS

Period	International Entries Via BC (Source: Statistics Canada)					Tourism indicators					
	US			Overseas	Total	Hotel Occup'cy Rate	Trade & Convention Delegate days		Tourism Room Revenue	Vancouver Airport Arrivals/Departures	
	Same Day	Overnight Stays	Total				Victoria	Vancouver		Transborder	Interntl
	Persons					%	Thousands of days		$ thousands	Thousands of persons	
	Unadjusted								SA	Unadjusted	
1999	3,370,153	3,491,527	6,861,680	1,407,542	8,269,222	61.7	90,833	340,633	1,329,347	4,120	3,372
2000	3,407,146	3,598,815	7,005,961	1,475,766	8,481,727	60.0	112,442	325,371	1,441,607	4,074	3,652
2001	3,257,694	3,636,824	6,894,518	1,418,018	8,312,536	59.3	86,776	296,299	1,473,355	4,000	3,608
2002	2,828,691	3,767,195	6,595,886	1,374,931	7,970,817	59.1	107,407	256,945	1,505,887	3,855	3,600
Jan-01	223,046	165,804	388,850	73,135	461,985	45.4	1,480	4,600	130,372	321	302
Feb-01	217,159	204,081	421,240	68,560	489,800	55.1	5,850	33,920	123,610	314	245
Mar-01	253,499	232,865	486,364	91,859	578,223	63.9	13,414	67,118	126,300	332	286
Apr-01	263,185	228,714	491,899	103,816	595,715	60.1	11,894	23,300	125,217	306	290
May-01	327,253	325,623	652,876	133,029	785,905	62.9	14,050	20,198	123,471	355	307
Jun-01	361,472	429,248	790,720	170,503	961,223	67.9	11,406	14,288	122,610	401	348
Jul-01	424,397	563,837	988,234	212,108	1,200,342	74.9	232	36,010	125,255	486	395
Aug-01	423,556	601,422	1,024,978	202,425	1,227,403	79.5	1,010	30,035	124,040	515	425
Sep-01	258,060	301,489	559,549	145,296	704,845	64.1	8,155	20,060	110,401	270	321
Oct-01	155,164	176,632	331,796	76,198	407,994	51.2	13,155	10,210	114,029	225	241
Nov-01	169,493	167,142	336,635	53,509	390,144	45.0	4,730	26,660	123,200	212	191
Dec-01	181,410	239,967	421,377	87,580	508,957	41.6	400	9,900	124,850	264	257
Jan-02	164,978	174,447	339,425	67,757	407,182	42.8	1,200	-	123,767	280	270
Feb-02	174,125	214,470	388,595	71,295	459,890	54.2	10,320	20,000	128,183	272	247
Mar-02	189,752	229,195	418,947	89,085	508,032	57.5	7,060	36,800	127,301	300	290
Apr-02	201,330	215,466	416,796	86,374	503,170	58.8	14,767	15,000	125,220	266	271
May-02	261,372	319,896	581,268	128,338	709,606	61.8	18,282	21,430	124,015	308	297
Jun-02	303,899	444,080	747,979	153,087	901,066	67.7	17,350	62,100	125,376	383	329
Jul-02	330,714	585,111	915,825	194,170	1,109,995	74.2	4,591	12,550	123,479	466	367
Aug-02	345,967	634,081	980,048	183,545	1,163,593	79.9	6,600	32,700	126,692	470	401
Sep-02	268,122	327,041	595,163	150,715	745,878	67.2	6,272	13,190	117,517	332	334
Oct-02	196,991	209,641	406,632	96,654	503,286	56.4	10,105	11,175	128,209	263	293
Nov-02	198,102	175,477	373,579	65,342	438,921	45.9	10,660	26,400	125,308	227	229
Dec-02	193,339	238,290	431,629	88,569	520,198	42.5	200	5,600	130,822	289	270
Jan-03	183,892	180,661	364,553	72,942	437,495	44.2	975	14,300	133,236	296	292
Feb-03	169,071	207,922	376,993	67,094	444,087	54.7	6,000	23,500	-	277	240
Mar-03	173,449	200,694	374,143	74,626	448,769	56.9	18,487	23,200	-	315	274
Apr-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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% change	3.5	-17.2	-2.7	-5.9	-3.3	0.8	37.0	7.4	7.7	4.3	-0.2
Last 12 months	2,826,248	3,738,360	6,564,608	1,361,456	7,926,064	59.2	114,289	261,145	1,515,358	3,892	3,598
Previous 12	3,092,845	3,652,186	6,745,031	1,412,601	8,157,632	58.5	83,612	247,461	1,466,750	3,886	3,583
% change	-8.6	2.4	-2.7	-3.6	-2.8	1.2	36.7	5.5	3.3	0.2	0.4
% ch. year ago	-6.1	-16.9	-10.7	-16.2	-11.7	-1.0	161.9	-37.0	7.7	5.0	-5.6
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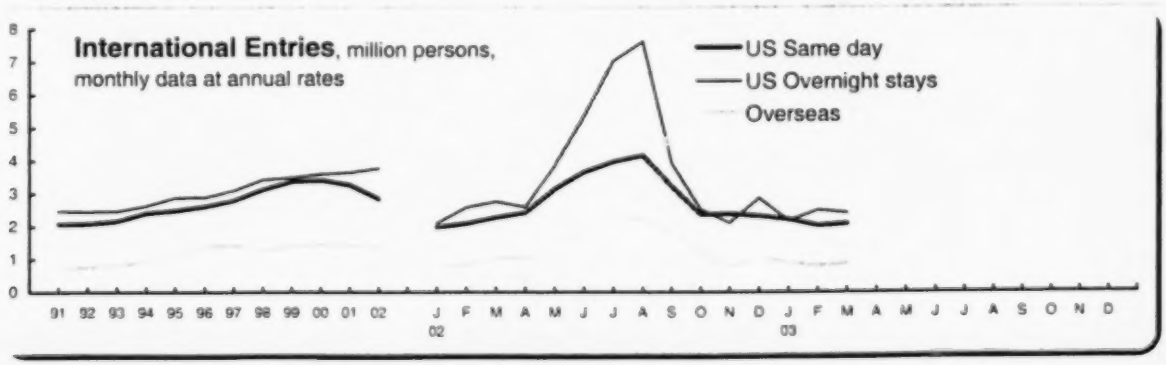

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Period	$	1975=100	%					$ Can	1992=100
1999	10,474.8	7,059.1	4.92	6.44	7.56	6.80	4.98	1.4857	82.14
2000	10,687.9	9,607.7	5.77	7.27	8.35	7.85	6.27	1.4854	82.85
2001	10,139.9	7,731.7	4.31	5.81	7.40	6.14	3.78	1.5488	80.21
2002	9,181.0	7,036.2	2.71	4.21	7.02	5.17	1.66	1.5703	78.87
Jan-01	10,887.4	9,321.9	5.75	7.25	7.75	7.40	5.94	1.5032	82.15
Feb-01	10,495.3	8,078.7	5.75	7.25	7.75	7.20	5.50	1.5218	81.26
Mar-01	9,878.8	7,608.0	5.25	6.75	7.25	6.70	5.00	1.5585	79.62
Apr-01	10,735.0	7,946.6	5.00	6.50	7.50	6.80	4.42	1.5575	79.85
May-01	10,911.9	8,161.9	4.75	6.25	7.75	6.70	3.98	1.5415	80.73
Jun-01	10,502.4	7,736.4	4.75	6.25	7.75	6.70	3.91	1.5244	81.82
Jul-01	10,522.8	7,689.7	4.50	6.00	7.75	6.45	3.81	1.5304	81.51
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Nov-01	9,851.6	7,425.7	2.50	4.00	6.85	4.60	1.95	1.5924	78.08
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% change	-19.7	-15.4	37.8	23.0	-7.2	3.5	-28.1	-5.9	4.1
Last 12 months	8,517.7	6,640.6	3.00	4.50	6.85	5.23	1.50	1.5389	79.94
Previous 12	10,004.9	7,552.2	3.27	4.77	7.27	5.45	2.62	1.5675	79.47
% change	-14.9	-12.1	-8.3	-5.7	-5.8	-4.1	-42.7	-1.8	0.6
% ch. year ago	-14.7	-14.1	40.0	25.0	-10.7	-0.9	-24.7	-7.8	6.3
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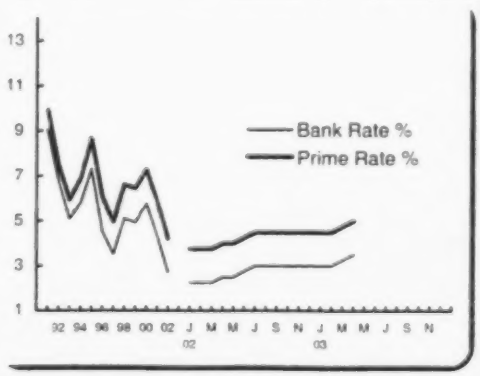

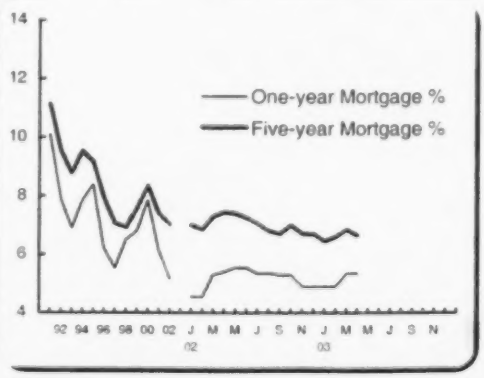

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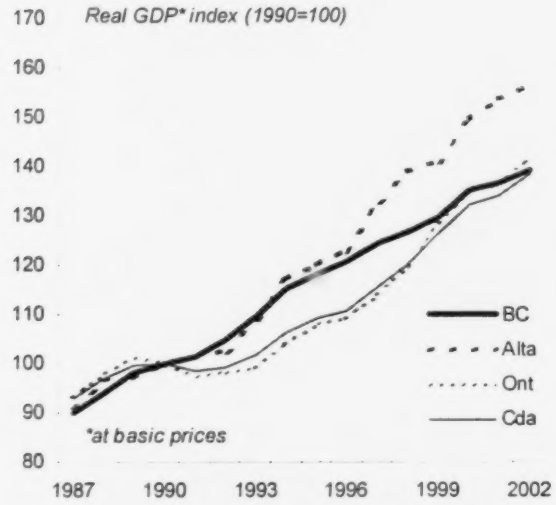
The Productivity Puzzle—BC's Achilles Heel

BC's economy emerged from the Canadian recession of the early 1990s virtually unscathed, but since then has fallen behind the rest of the country

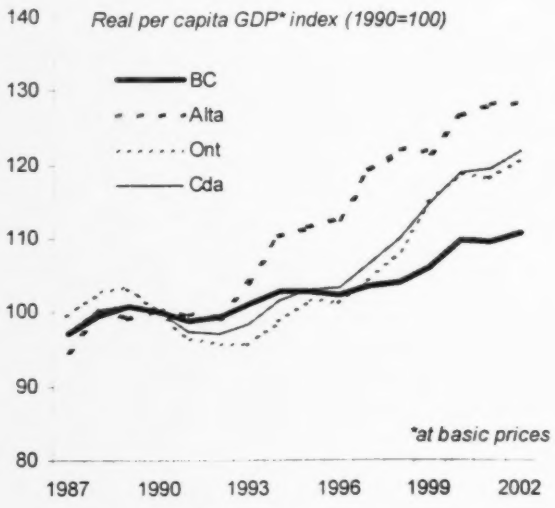


British Columbia's economy has undergone some structural shifts during the last decade. It began the 1990s on a strong note, emerging virtually unscathed from the recession of 1991, while economies in most other parts of the country took several years to bounce back to pre-recession levels. However, since the mid-1990s, the province's economic performance has been somewhat disappointing, as British Columbia has been unable to match the strong growth seen in other parts of the country.

Slower economic growth was masked for some time by population gains, which boosted the demand for goods and services

For some time, the emerging pattern of slower growth in BC during the 1990s was masked by continued strong population gains, which boosted the demand for goods and services produced in the province and helped keep the economy on an upward trend. Despite this, BC failed to keep pace with the rest of the country. The province, once a leader among the regions in terms of its ability to generate income, has slipped back to the tail of the pack, posting lower-than-average gains in gross domestic product (GDP, at basic prices) in every year since 1996[1]. As a result, BC has now fallen back into the ranks of the "have-not" provinces, leaving Alberta and Ontario as the only provinces that do not receive transfers under the Equalization Program.

While other provinces have made substantial gains since 1990, real per capita GDP in BC has been growing at a much slower rate than in other parts of the country



[1] All of the GDP figures quoted in this article are measured at basic prices, and in constant (1997) dollars. The data comes from the Industry Measures and Analysis Division of Statistics Canada.

Below-average productivity growth may have been one of the main reasons for BC's relatively lacklustre performance

There is some evidence to suggest that the underlying causes of BC's relatively weak growth may have some structural components. Declining business investment, particularly in the housing sector, was just one of the factors contributing to BC's relatively lacklustre economic performance during the 1990s. Another important factor was lower-than-average productivity growth in BC compared to the rest of Canada.

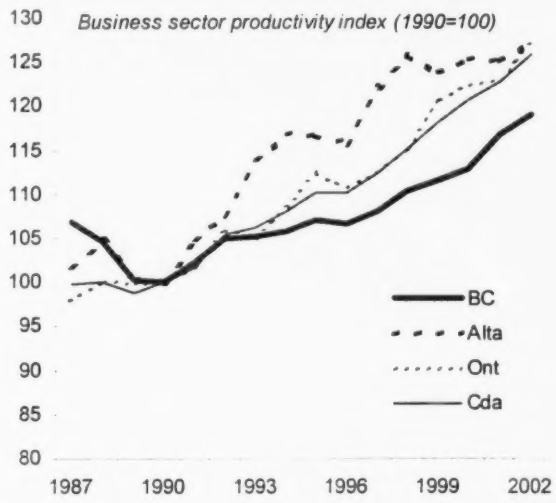
Sources of economic growth

A growing population, increased activity in the business sector, or rising external demand for goods and services produced in a province can all stimulate economic growth as businesses expand their output in order to meet demand. They can do this by increasing their use of either labour or capital (machinery, equipment and structures) inputs. Alternatively, output can rise as a result of productivity gains–technological advances that make it possible to use labour or capital inputs more efficiently to produce goods and services for sale to domestic consumers, or for export to other regions or countries. Unless labour or capital is being under-utilized, increased productivity is generally a more desirable source of growth, since it means that more output is produced with less effort, freeing up resources for alternative uses.

BC has lagged behind the rest of the country in terms of business sector productivity growth

A comparison of labour productivity[2] changes over time suggests that weak labour productivity growth has been a significant factor in British Columbia's below-average economic performance. Since 1990, real GDP per hour worked in BC has increased 19%, well below the national average (26%), and substantially less than in Alberta (27%) and Ontario (27%). New Brunswick (14%) is the only province that has seen slower productivity growth during this period. Newfoundland, where the development of an offshore oil and gas industry has pumped life into the economy, led the nation in terms of labour productivity growth (46%) during this period. Increases in most other provinces ranged between 24% and 28%.

Productivity growth in the province has been weak compared to other jurisdictions



Improvements in labour productivity are not always due to technological advances or increased efficiency on the part of workers. Because of the way in which it is measured, labour productivity growth may also be the result of a growing dependence on capital rather than labour inputs in production. This could be caused by changes in the production process, or it could reflect a structural shift in the economy, moving away from a dependence on labour-intensive industries such as fishing to more capital-intensive industries such as offshore oil and gas extraction. This factor almost

[2] All of the productivity measures quoted in this article are labour productivity measures. See the appendix for more information about how they are calculated.

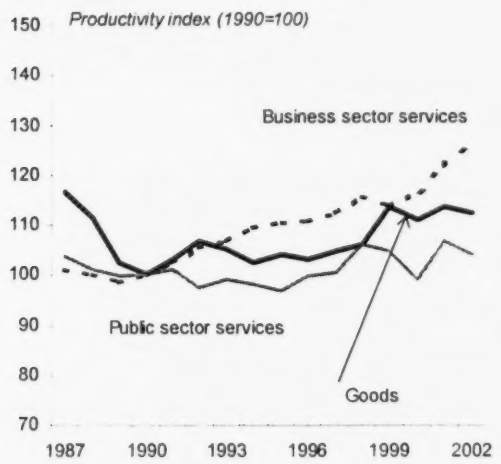
certainly played a role in the significant productivity gains made in Newfoundland over the last decade.

So what's been happening in BC?

In the case of BC, the situation is a little less clear cut. The province is much more dependent on service industries than most other parts of the country. Just over three-quarters (76%) of BC's GDP originated in the service sector in 2002. This compares to 61% in Alberta, 70% in Ontario, and 69% nationally.

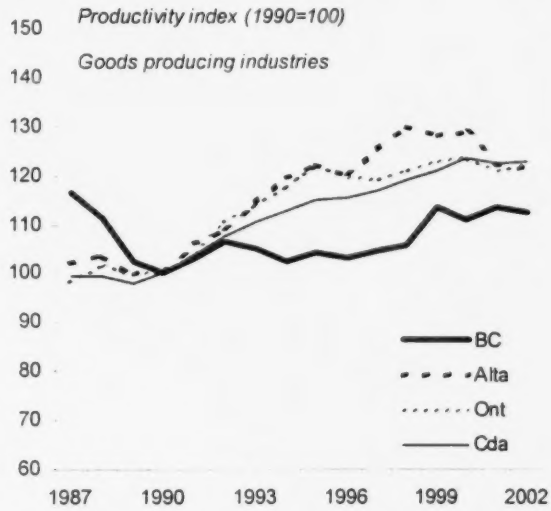
A growing dependence on service industries in BC could be one reason for the slower than average increase in productivity. Generally speaking, labour productivity tends to be higher in the goods-producing industries than in the service sector, partly because these industries use more capital inputs in production. The relative importance of goods industries in BC (whether measured in terms of GDP or employment) has declined significantly since 1990.

Productivity gains in BC's service sector have been stronger than in the goods producing industries



In both the goods and service-producing industries, BC has not been able to realize the same productivity gains that were seen in the rest of the country during the 1990s, although the difference is more marked in the case of goods-producing industries. The province's business sector service industries have exhibited stronger productivity growth than the goods industries during the last decade[3]. It appears that the role of services is at best only a partial explanation of the lower-than-average productivity growth that has occurred in BC during the last decade.

BC companies have not seen the productivity gains observed elsewhere in the country in both the goods...



[3] As might be expected, public sector services exhibit little change in productivity over the last decade. This is partly due to the way in which GDP in these industries is measured. The outputs of public sector services are not easy to measure. Hence, national accounting practices tend to equate inputs to outputs, thus resulting in an assumption of constant productivity.

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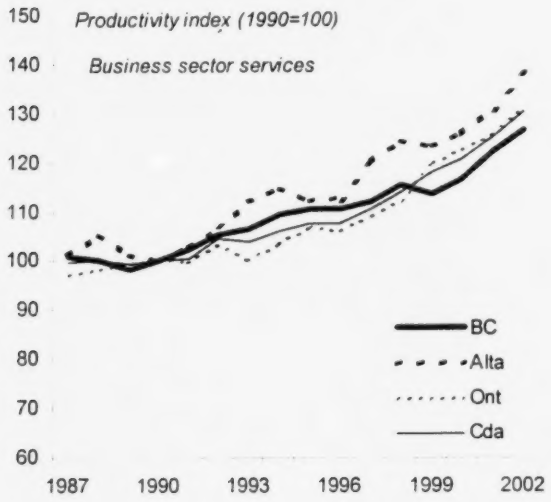

Why has productivity growth in the province been so weak compared to the rest of the country?

That question is difficult to answer, since many factors may be playing a role. It is possible that the shift towards more service-sector activity has helped keep the lid on productivity growth. Other factors are more difficult to assess. Are labour inputs used more efficiently in other provinces than in BC? Are there structural issues that make it more difficult for BC firms to adopt new processes and technologies that help improve productivity? Do the established industries in BC depend more on labour inputs than industries in other provinces because of the type of product that they are producing?

Whatever the reasons for BC's below-average productivity growth, this is a topic that deserves more study. It may well be that solving the productivity puzzle will be the key to restoring BC's position as one of the growth engines in the Canadian economy.

Appendix

Measuring productivity change: how it's done and what it means

Productivity changes over time are usually measured residually. We start by decomposing economic growth (or decline) into three components: the change in labour input, the change in capital input, and the remainder, which is attributed to productivity change. Unfortunately, measuring productivity is an imprecise science, since it is not always possible to disentangle all three effects.

The amount of labour used in production is relatively easy to measure, since one need only come up with estimates of the total amount of time workers actually spend on the job in a given period. Labour inputs are usually limited to a fixed number of hours or work per week or month, and generally speaking, are only paid for when they are being used.

However, capital assets–machinery, equipment and structures–must be paid for when they are purchased. This usually involves a large investment at a single point in time, after which the capital can be used on a more or less continuous basis for a long period of time. The lifetime over which a capital asset is available for use in production varies considerably among different types of assets. Identifying the amount of capital used in production is a non-trivial exercise. This is done at the national level, where Statistics Canada has been publishing estimates of total factor productivity for some time. These estimates show pure productivity growth, since both labour and capital inputs have been appropriately accounted for.

No comparable measures of total factor productivity are currently available at the provincial level. Instead, labour productivity[4], which measures the portion of economic growth that is not attributable to changes in labour inputs over time, is the only readily available measure. This muddies the waters somewhat, since it is not possible to disentangle the effect of productivity change from that of more intense use of capital in production. However, trends in labour productivity over time still provide a useful indication of the underlying reasons for economic growth or decline.

Labour productivity is best measured for the business sector–all economic activities excluding public administration, education and health & social services[5]. These three industries involve the production of services, the value of which is difficult to measure because they are not bought and sold in the marketplace. GDP figures for these industries are usually based on the amount of labour used in production, so by definition one would expect to see little change in labour productivity over time in these industries. In the market economy, where both goods and services are bought and sold, the value of output is easier to measure, at least in most cases.

[4] Labour productivity is calculated as the ratio of total output to the amount of labour used in production, which is typically measured as total hours worked.

[5] In fact, some health and education services (e.g., physicians, dentists and driver training schools) are provided by the private sector. However, it is not possible to disaggregate the GDP data for these industries into public and private sector components, so all of health and education is included in the public sector in this paper.

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Abbreviations

3MMA SA: three month moving average, seasonally adjusted

Ave: average

bd ft: board feet

C6: a group of six currencies including European Monetary Union Euro, British pound, French franc, German mark, Swiss franc, and Japanese yen

Can: Canada, Canadian

GW.h.: gigawatt hour = watt hour x 10^9

m3: cubic metres

mil: million

MLS: Multiple Listing Service

Moly: molybdenum

mth: month (as in: previous mth)

NAICS: North American Industrial Classification System

SA: seasonally adjusted

T.S.E.: Toronto Stock Exhange

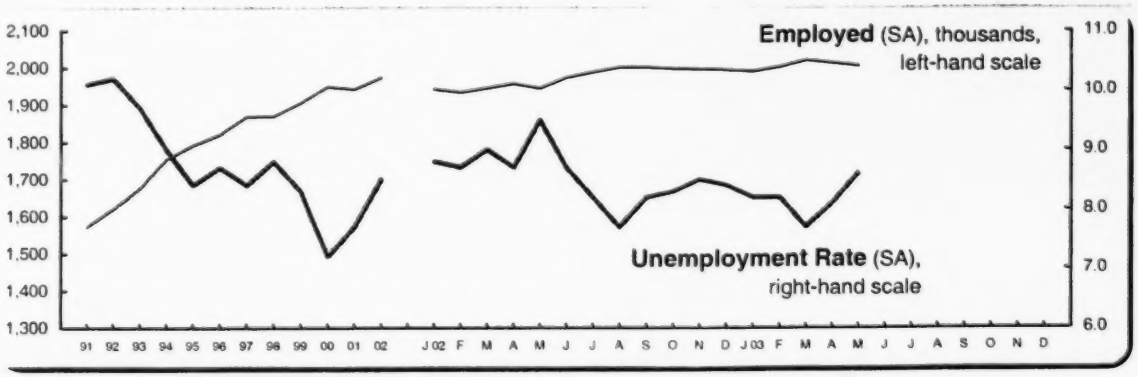
US: United States of America

WSPF: Western spruce-pine-fir

1 Labour and Earnings

Source: Statistics Canada.

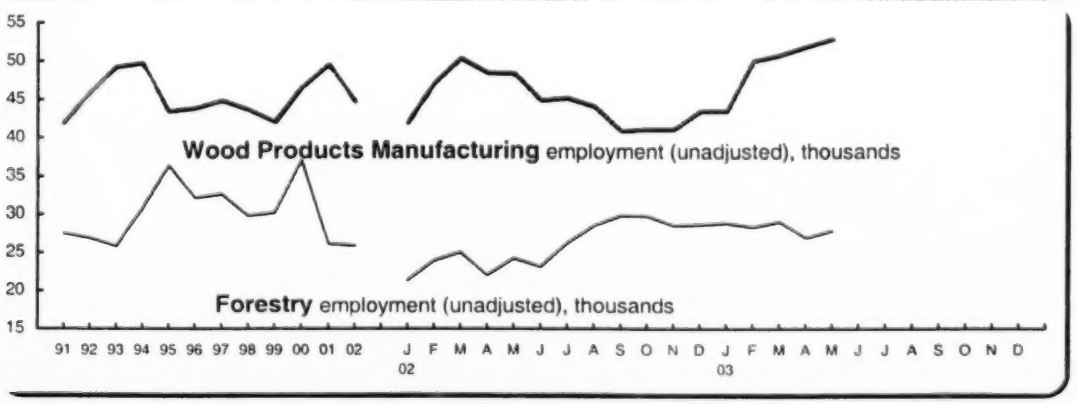
Period	Labour Force Activity: Labour Force	Labour Force Activity: Employed	Labour Force Activity: Unemployment Rate	Labour Force Activity: Participation Rate	Average Actual Hours Worked	Help Wanted Index	Earnings: Wages and Salaries	Earnings: Average Weekly Wage Rate	Employment Insurance: Regular E.I. Benefits: Number of Beneficiaries	Employment Insurance: Regular E.I. Benefits: $
	Thousands of persons		%		Number	1996=100	$ million	$	(Persons)	$ thousand
	Seasonally Adjusted				Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted			Unadjusted	
1999	2,079.1	1,906.4	8.3	65.1	32.5	129.1	56,263.5	625.22	819,450	1,003,814.9
2000	2,099.7	1,949.1	7.2	64.9	33.3	147.1	60,270.2	637.07	699,280	847,365.1
2001	2,103.5	1,942.4	7.7	64.1	32.2	117.8	61,495.9	645.70	745,890	957,361.4
2002	2,157.8	1,973.4	8.5	64.9	32.0	92.1	62,984.9	667.51	783,830	1,072,980.3
Jan-01	2,095.1	1,942.9	7.3	64.3	33.3	138.2	5,136.7	640.63	74,160	104,218.5
Feb-01	2,108.4	1,954.1	7.3	64.6	33.3	134.1	5,160.1	643.13	73,010	88,292.4
Mar-01	2,111.9	1,973.4	6.6	64.7	33.7	130.2	5,149.8	650.17	68,240	82,012.7
Apr-01	2,102.9	1,955.7	7.0	64.3	31.0	126.8	5,110.4	650.42	64,810	86,742.6
May-01	2,113.8	1,969.8	6.8	64.6	33.1	123.5	5,121.4	649.78	59,770	77,271.1
Jun-01	2,100.3	1,948.7	7.2	64.1	33.3	120.2	5,123.0	649.40	53,120	65,653.3
Jul-01	2,102.8	1,946.3	7.4	64.1	31.1	116.6	5,110.7	638.50	55,700	73,137.9
Aug-01	2,099.1	1,929.3	8.1	63.9	30.0	112.7	5,120.5	642.30	57,000	70,407.7
Sep-01	2,089.3	1,925.4	7.8	63.5	32.9	108.7	5,090.5	645.68	46,880	67,255.0
Oct-01	2,092.3	1,918.0	8.3	63.5	29.4	104.8	5,099.9	643.68	52,400	69,695.6
Nov-01	2,105.6	1,924.7	8.6	63.9	32.3	101.5	5,114.3	650.84	64,860	76,593.3
Dec-01	2,121.4	1,916.9	9.6	64.3	32.7	98.9	5,158.7	643.66	75,940	96,081.3
Jan-02	2,130.1	1,942.4	8.8	64.5	32.7	97.2	5,189.8	656.05	86,240	126,382.5
Feb-02	2,118.7	1,933.7	8.7	64.1	32.7	96.2	5,195.3	656.21	51,080	105,181.7
Mar-02	2,137.1	1,945.3	9.0	64.5	32.9	95.8	5,173.3	663.44	80,460	97,688.8
Apr-02	2,143.1	1,957.2	8.7	64.6	33.1	95.5	5,177.5	668.06	73,820	112,710.7
May-02	2,148.4	1,944.8	9.5	64.7	33.4	95.0	5,210.6	670.27	66,480	84,417.3
Jun-02	2,161.5	1,974.1	8.7	65.0	33.4	94.0	5,208.1	668.57	59,980	74,038.7
Jul-02	2,164.6	1,987.8	8.2	65.0	31.4	92.7	5,241.6	663.53	60,250	84,237.6
Aug-02	2,167.7	2,001.6	7.7	65.1	30.6	90.9	5,260.7	667.96	61,770	75,653.8
Sep-02	2,179.4	2,001.3	8.2	65.3	33.0	89.0	5,280.4	668.84	51,480	78,346.4
Oct-02	2,179.3	1,997.9	8.3	65.3	29.0	87.2	5,312.8	671.53	55,780	65,877.8
Nov-02	2,183.1	1,997.2	8.5	65.3	29.3	85.5	5,368.0	678.18	64,450	72,695.9
Dec-02	2,176.9	1,994.6	8.4	65.1	32.1	83.9	5,366.8	676.45	72,040	95,749.2
Jan-03	2,167.3	1,990.3	8.2	64.8	32.2	82.5	5,403.2	679.52	80,210	108,603.0
Feb-03	2,180.1	2,002.0	8.2	65.1	32.7	81.2	5,400.8	679.14	77,400	94,696.8
Mar-03	2,187.6	2,019.7	7.7	65.3	32.8	80.2	5,375.0	682.00	73,890	106,159.1
Apr-03	2,189.5	2,012.3	8.1	65.2	29.0	79.6	-	680.37	-	-
May-03	2,193.2	2,004.5	8.6	65.3	33.2	-	-	684.33	-	-
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 2,183.5	a 2,005.8	a 8.2	a 65.1	a 32.0	a 80.9	t 16,179.0	a 681.07	a 77,167	t 309.5
% change	2.3	3.1	n/a	n/a	-3.0	-15.9	4.0	2.8	6.3	-6.0
Last 12 months	2,177.5	1,998.6	8.2	65.2	31.6	86.8	63,605.6	675.04	66,463	1,053,186.2
Previous 12	2,115.7	1,936.1	8.5	64.1	32.2	106.0	61,607.7	652.34	62,355	1,012,090.8
% change	2.9	3.2	n/a	n/a	-2.0	-18.1	3.2	3.5	6.6	4.1
% ch. year ago	2.1	3.1	n/a	n/a	-0.6	-16.6	3.9	2.1	-8.2	8.7
% ch prev mnth	0.2	-0.4	n/a	n/a	14.5	-0.7	-0.5	0.6	-4.5	12.1



2 Employment by Industry — Goods

Source: Statistics Canada. 2001 unadjusted data est. by BC Stats.

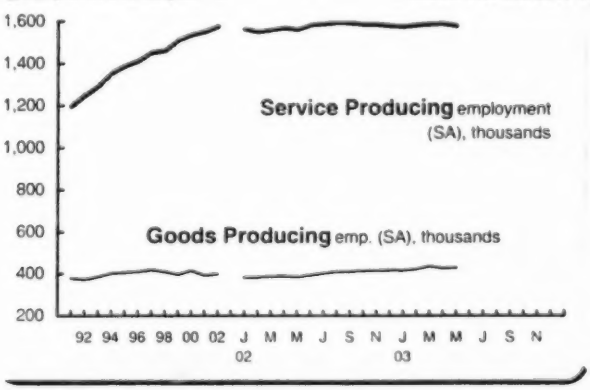
	Goods Producing	Agriculture	Forestry	Fishing & Trapping	Mining	Utilites	Construction	Manufacturing			
								Food	Wood	Paper	Total
	Thousands of persons										
Period	SA		Unadjusted			SA		Unadjusted			SA
1999	396.5	28.6	30.2	4.0	14.8	11.5	115.3	18.4	42.0	22.3	192.2
2000	414.4	29.7	37.1	4.8	13.4	11.3	112.5	19.8	46.5	17.7	205.4
2001	392.0	25.9	26.1	5.4	11.8	11.7	114.9	22.5	49.5	15.0	196.2
2002	399.0	30.1	25.9	3.3	9.7	12.4	120.6	23.8	44.7	16.7	196.9
Jan-01	400.1	24.0	30.2	2.5	12.6	10.2	104.7	23.4	51.2	12.5	212.8
Feb-01	405.8	30.3	29.3	4.1	10.6	10.7	111.8	22.7	53.4	14.2	207.2
Mar-01	411.5	29.4	24.2	8.9	10.1	10.3	118.6	26.5	54.2	14.5	208.8
Apr-01	408.4	28.4	21.2	7.5	8.2	13.1	119.6	24.8	49.1	15.8	205.7
May-01	398.6	23.8	24.4	8.0	10.1	13.2	118.5	26.3	50.5	17.8	199.6
Jun-01	393.2	23.6	23.7	6.5	11.8	12.7	119.2	27.2	47.6	18.7	196.3
Jul-01	392.0	24.3	28.3	5.9	11.1	12.8	121.0	21.5	51.8	17.9	191.4
Aug-01	388.7	27.0	30.3	5.1	12.6	12.9	113.0	23.3	50.3	16.0	190.9
Sep-01	391.0	25.5	29.5	4.4	14.6	11.7	114.2	20.1	49.3	12.8	194.1
Oct-01	380.0	24.9	27.4	3.5	13.7	11.9	115.1	20.4	47.1	12.9	186.1
Nov-01	371.5	26.3	23.4	4.3	13.1	10.6	113.9	17.1	42.9	13.5	180.1
Dec-01	363.6	24.8	21.4	3.9	12.4	10.0	107.8	16.9	46.3	13.8	182.6
Jan-02	381.0	25.3	21.3	2.8	12.4	12.8	119.4	16.3	41.9	16.3	184.4
Feb-02	384.2	24.7	23.9	1.7	11.6	11.0	114.6	21.5	47.1	17.6	195.1
Mar-02	387.2	26.2	25.0	2.1	11.2	12.3	113.3	18.7	50.3	21.1	195.8
Apr-02	388.6	26.2	22.0	2.5	9.3	11.2	116.8	20.0	48.4	19.0	196.2
May-02	385.7	28.5	24.2	2.3	8.8	14.1	117.5	20.2	48.3	19.4	189.4
Jun-02	392.8	30.4	23.1	2.6	9.6	13.7	117.7	24.4	44.8	18.1	196.1
Jul-02	401.9	30.2	26.2	3.0	10.5	12.7	120.7	27.6	45.1	16.7	200.9
Aug-02	408.7	31.8	28.5	4.9	8.2	12.1	125.3	30.1	44.0	14.0	200.9
Sep-02	410.3	33.1	29.8	4.1	8.8	12.2	124.6	30.8	40.8	15.5	200.5
Oct-02	414.7	33.5	29.7	5.4	9.4	11.4	128.4	27.5	41.0	15.3	199.8
Nov-02	413.8	33.1	28.5	4.3	8.2	12.3	124.1	26.8	41.0	12.9	203.5
Dec-02	416.5	35.9	28.6	4.2	8.5	13.0	123.9	22.1	43.4	14.7	201.6
Jan-03	416.0	33.4	28.8	6.4	7.6	12.2	124.1	24.1	43.4	18.3	201.3
Feb-03	421.9	35.7	28.3	4.0	12.2	13.4	119.7	26.5	49.9	15.8	207.0
Mar-03	435.3	39.6	29.0	4.1	15.5	14.6	121.8	24.0	50.7	15.5	210.0
Apr-03	424.8	35.6	26.9	2.3	14.6	14.4	116.9	24.8	51.8	14.5	208.7
May-03	428.7	35.3	27.8	2.4	18.5	14.7	118.5	25.4	52.8	14.2	210.4
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 425.3	a 35.9	a 28.2	a 3.8	a 13.7	a 13.9	a 120.2	a 25.0	a 49.7	a 15.7	a 207.5
% change	10.4	37.2	21.0	68.4	28.3	12.9	3.3	29.1	5.3	-16.2	8.0
Last 12 months	415.5	34.0	27.9	4.0	11.0	13.1	122.1	26.2	45.7	15.5	203.4
Previous 12	383.9	25.6	25.0	3.8	11.9	12.0	115.5	20.3	47.6	16.6	190.2
% change	8.2	32.6	11.6	6.0	-7.7	8.8	5.8	29.2	-4.0	-6.8	6.9
% ch. year ago	11.1	23.9	14.9	4.3	110.2	4.3	0.9	25.7	9.3	-26.8	11.1
% ch prev mnth	0.9	-0.8	3.3	4.3	26.7	2.1	1.4	2.4	1.9	-2.1	0.8

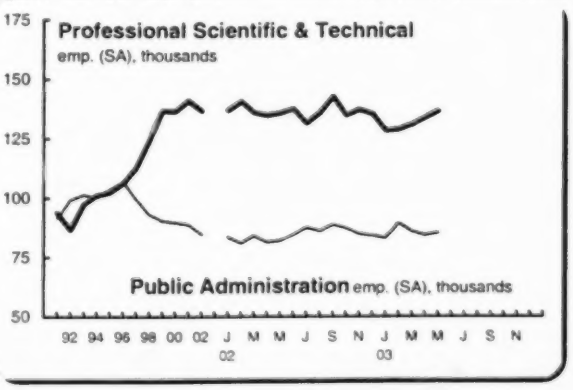


3 Employment by Industry — Services

Source: Statistics Canada.

Period	Service Producing Sectors	Trade	Transportation & Warehousing	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Professional Scientific Technical	Education	Health & Social Assistance	Information, Culture & Recreation	Accommodation	Public Administration
	Thousands of persons									
	Seasonally Adjusted									
1999	1,509.9	308.5	117.9	119.9	136.7	127.5	195.2	91.6	152.7	90.4
2000	1,534.7	303.2	114.4	119.5	136.4	134.9	202.1	99.3	164.0	89.7
2001	1,550.4	309.5	106.9	116.2	141.0	135.7	203.8	106.2	170.6	88.8
2002	1,574.4	319.0	110.1	118.9	136.7	139.7	217.3	105.6	171.0	84.7
Jan-01	1,542.8	307.9	108.2	122.9	138.1	134.2	194.1	108.0	170.7	86.8
Feb-01	1,548.4	301.1	106.6	122.8	138.9	136.6	188.3	110.2	182.5	89.1
Mar-01	1,562.0	309.4	114.3	118.4	138.5	130.6	205.1	114.7	175.8	89.4
Apr-01	1,547.3	301.4	110.4	122.0	143.3	132.5	198.7	108.5	168.8	90.9
May-01	1,571.2	312.4	105.8	118.3	141.9	137.4	209.6	108.5	172.0	96.3
Jun-01	1,555.5	303.4	103.9	119.7	151.7	130.2	211.4	103.2	165.4	90.7
Jul-01	1,554.4	304.1	105.4	115.4	146.6	133.3	213.2	103.3	168.9	88.6
Aug-01	1,540.6	307.9	105.8	118.4	142.2	133.1	208.2	103.4	168.6	88.5
Sep-01	1,534.4	311.5	108.5	111.0	140.3	134.8	204.2	102.3	163.4	84.7
Oct-01	1,538.1	313.3	106.7	111.1	142.4	137.1	197.2	104.7	169.8	84.5
Nov-01	1,553.3	322.6	107.2	106.2	137.7	146.4	203.0	102.9	162.8	89.3
Dec-01	1,553.3	317.5	100.3	108.6	131.0	140.6	212.2	104.3	179.5	85.8
Jan-02	1,561.4	311.2	106.4	115.6	137.0	138.7	215.3	108.0	175.1	83.5
Feb-02	1,549.5	311.9	107.0	111.7	140.8	134.7	210.2	101.7	175.7	81.0
Mar-02	1,558.1	303.2	104.8	110.0	136.0	139.5	211.4	107.1	180.1	84.1
Apr-02	1,568.6	321.1	106.2	108.2	134.9	143.1	216.3	103.4	179.0	81.4
May-02	1,559.1	320.4	107.0	111.5	135.8	138.9	213.6	99.3	173.1	82.1
Jun-02	1,581.4	319.0	109.4	118.9	137.6	141.0	218.7	107.1	172.1	84.5
Jul-02	1,586.0	323.8	113.0	118.8	131.5	141.7	222.4	109.2	170.2	87.6
Aug-02	1,593.0	323.5	108.7	123.5	135.8	147.0	218.0	118.1	167.0	86.1
Sep-02	1,591.1	323.8	116.7	123.9	142.7	141.9	218.0	103.1	166.1	88.8
Oct-02	1,583.2	322.0	114.9	128.4	134.9	137.7	223.8	100.2	165.1	87.3
Nov-02	1,583.5	321.6	111.7	127.8	137.2	136.1	220.9	106.1	167.1	84.8
Dec-02	1,578.1	324.9	115.4	128.9	135.5	138.2	219.6	102.7	161.9	84.2
Jan-03	1,574.2	328.3	116.7	128.4	128.4	148.4	207.5	101.1	162.6	83.1
Feb-03	1,580.1	323.6	116.6	127.9	129.0	150.0	211.8	101.2	159.8	89.4
Mar-03	1,584.4	318.7	119.8	127.7	131.0	153.7	211.6	101.7	159.6	86.0
Apr-03	1,587.5	321.7	114.3	128.9	133.7	149.5	214.5	107.7	156.9	84.4
May-03	1,575.8	314.7	117.5	119.8	136.6	148.9	210.9	108.4	155.4	85.3
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 1,580.4	a 321.4	a 117.0	a 126.5	a 131.7	a 150.1	a 211.3	a 104.0	a 158.9	a 85.6
% change	1.4	2.5	10.1	13.6	-3.8	8.0	-1.0	0.1	-10.0	3.9
Last 12 months	1,583.2	322.1	114.6	125.2	134.5	144.5	216.5	105.6	163.7	86.0
Previous 12	1,552.2	312.3	105.8	112.3	139.7	137.5	209.7	103.6	171.8	85.4
% change	2.0	3.1	8.3	11.5	-3.7	5.1	3.2	1.8	-4.7	0.7
% ch. year ago	1.1	-1.8	9.8	7.4	0.6	7.2	-1.3	9.2	-10.2	3.9
% ch. prev mnth	-0.7	-2.2	2.8	-7.1	2.2	-0.4	-1.7	0.6	-1.0	1.1

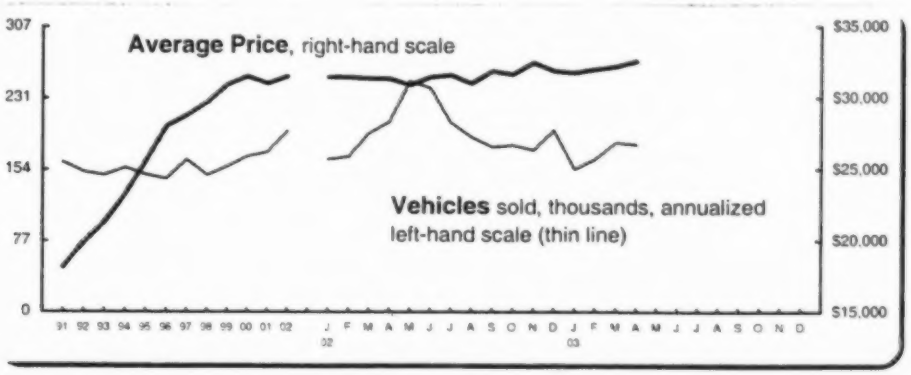




4 Business & Consumer

Incorporations/Corporate & Personal Registries, BC Gov. CPI, Retail, MV Sales/Statistics Canada.

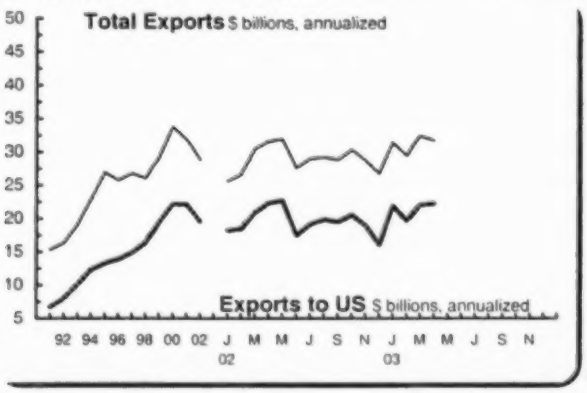
	Business			Consumer				
	Business	Bankruptcies		Consumer	Retail Sales		New Motor Vehicle Sales	
		Office of Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada						
	Incorporations	Business	Consumer	Price Index (BC)	All Stores	Department Stores	Units	Value
	Number			(1992=100)	$ million		Number	$ thousand
Period	Unadjusted				SA		Unadjusted	
1999	21,009	1,077	8,181	111.2	33,684.3	2,202.0	157,213	4,865,611
2000	21,515	980	9,184	113.3	35,820.6	2,151.5	167,770	5,286,870
2001	19,749	1,101	9,476	115.2	37,979.1	2,344.8	172,606	5,356,640
2002	21,262	1,107	9,531	117.9	40,272.6	2,425.2	195,132	6,151,629
Jan-01	1,595	93	773	114.5	3,077.4	134.2	10,600	326,444
Feb-01	1,466	86	818	112.6	3,114.5	137.5	10,713	334,033
Mar-01	2,175	93	912	113.3	3,111.6	169.1	15,574	496,910
Apr-01	1,494	92	744	115.0	3,116.0	172.9	15,568	486,416
May-01	1,842	90	892	115.6	3,151.2	182.9	17,983	546,264
Jun-01	1,661	88	847	116.3	3,181.8	183.9	17,106	532,138
Jul-01	1,585	79	694	116.3	3,180.8	183.4	13,945	425,172
Aug-01	1,536	87	827	116.1	3,183.6	193.7	14,394	437,731
Sep-01	1,383	70	711	116.7	3,173.6	182.5	13,340	407,631
Oct-01	1,785	117	840	115.8	3,177.0	202.1	12,991	403,885
Nov-01	1,667	109	795	114.9	3,222.4	234.3	14,556	459,236
Dec-01	1,560	96	621	114.8	3,289.1	368.3	15,836	500,780
Jan-02	1,504	103	805	115.4	3,285.2	144.3	13,737	432,290
Feb-02	1,876	118	803	115.9	3,312.7	143.6	13,965	439,351
Mar-02	1,655	104	861	116.6	3,300.9	176.5	16,071	504,331
Apr-02	1,944	119	846	117.7	3,329.8	182.0	17,098	536,147
May-02	1,849	97	817	118.1	3,371.8	196.7	20,729	640,620
Jun-02	1,624	83	809	118.2	3,410.6	195.9	20,099	632,543
Jul-02	2,034	85	796	118.5	3,347.6	188.6	17,009	537,576
Aug-02	1,524	88	797	118.7	3,359.7	198.6	15,728	488,008
Sep-02	1,755	66	795	118.8	3,357.8	187.0	14,829	472,900
Oct-02	2,000	97	851	118.7	3,398.6	201.3	14,986	474,423
Nov-02	1,901	61	717	118.9	3,416.0	243.6	14,557	472,875
Dec-02	1,596	84	630	118.8	3,381.9	367.2	16,324	520,565
Jan-03	2,122	101	731	119.0	3,431.1	150.1	12,828	407,722
Feb-03	1,804	93	857	119.6	3,469.3	149.8	13,736	439,599
Mar-03	1,952	103	879	120.6	3,368.2	176.0	15,225	490,340
Apr-03	1,844	92	862	120.4	3,405.3	187.3	15,043	490,038
May-03	1,747	-	-	120.4	-	-	-	-
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 9,469	t 389	t 3,329	a 120.0	t 13,673.9	t 663.3	t 56,832	t 1,827,699
% change	7.3	-12.4	0.4	2.8	3.4	2.6	-6.6	-4.4
Last 12 months	21,903	1,050	9,541	119.2	40,717.9	2,442.2	191,093	6,067,209
Previous 12	20,005	1,180	9,542	116.2	38,788.2	2,377.5	181,022	5,624,956
% change	9.5	-11.0	0.0	2.6	5.0	2.7	5.6	7.9
% ch. year ago	-5.5	-22.7	1.9	1.9	2.3	2.9	-12.0	-8.6
% ch. prev mnth	-5.3	-10.7	-1.9	0.0	1.1	6.4	-1.2	-0.1

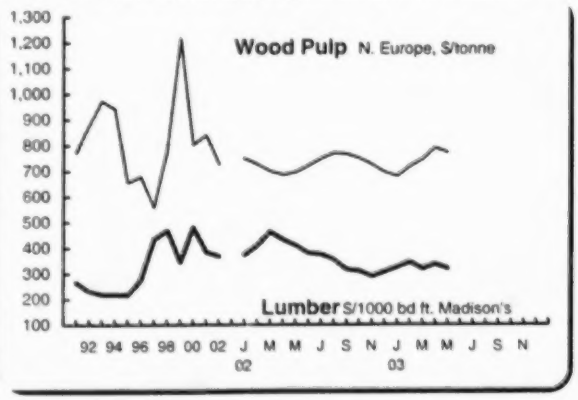


5 Foreign Trade & Commodities

Exports, Imports/Statistics Canada. Lumber/Madison's. Metals/London Metal Exchange. Oil/W Texas Intermed.

	BC Origin Exports to			Imports	Commodity Prices in Canadian $ (conversion to SC by Treasury Board Staff)						
	Total All Countries	United States	Japan	through BC ports	Lumber WSPF Madison's	Wood Pulp N. Europe	Copper London	Gold London	Silver London	Zinc London	Crude Oil
	$ million				$/1000 bd ft	$/tonne	$/lb.	$/troy oz.	$/troy oz.	$/lb.	$ per Barrel
Period	Unadjusted										
1999	29,113.3	19,370.7	4,468.3	27,169.8	344.86	1,218.08	1.06	413.78	7.77	8.71	28.73
2000	33,749.9	22,196.1	4,890.5	30,804.4	480.11	804.60	1.22	413.95	7.35	9.11	44.88
2001	31,780.0	22,110.1	4,058.0	31,643.7	383.47	839.49	1.11	419.83	6.79	0.62	40.29
2002	28,842.6	19,504.4	3,869.3	31,503.2	368.25	727.84	1.11	486.82	7.23	0.56	37.19
Jan-01	3,055.1	2,134.1	405.4	2,644.6	272.81	1,065.94	1.22	397.99	6.99	0.70	45.18
Feb-01	2,827.2	1,963.4	337.5	2,532.9	287.22	1,045.66	1.22	396.23	6.93	0.70	45.78
Mar-01	2,941.4	2,033.5	370.7	2,900.8	319.16	1,000.51	1.23	410.23	6.87	0.71	42.40
Apr-01	3,143.3	2,254.3	367.0	2,681.0	389.35	928.98	1.18	407.28	6.81	0.69	43.30
May-01	3,158.2	2,303.9	355.7	2,685.4	514.06	869.13	1.18	417.37	6.82	0.66	44.17
Jun-01	2,559.1	1,769.8	344.7	2,895.5	452.75	799.92	1.11	411.17	6.67	0.62	41.94
Jul-01	2,620.6	1,804.0	351.7	2,684.1	406.68	744.71	1.05	408.78	6.50	0.59	40.79
Aug-01	2,545.2	1,805.7	298.1	2,741.5	478.36	706.65	1.03	420.72	6.49	0.58	41.97
Sep-01	2,287.7	1,641.0	289.6	2,538.7	435.04	706.12	1.01	448.65	6.92	0.56	40.75
Oct-01	2,360.3	1,560.1	316.4	2,799.3	347.21	722.28	0.98	443.69	6.88	0.54	34.88
Nov-01	2,219.1	1,472.3	328.5	2,527.5	356.70	743.63	1.03	439.51	6.56	0.56	31.42
Dec-01	2,062.8	1,368.1	292.7	2,012.3	342.32	740.34	1.05	436.31	6.98	0.54	30.92
Jan-02	2,130.8	1,518.4	232.6	2,200.8	374.07	748.73	1.09	450.50	7.20	0.58	31.75
Feb-02	2,215.7	1,537.7	255.6	2,420.4	410.93	726.50	1.13	471.56	7.10	0.61	32.97
Mar-02	2,535.4	1,743.9	335.0	2,450.4	463.73	699.27	1.16	466.68	7.25	0.63	38.95
Apr-02	2,626.8	1,860.0	283.6	2,780.3	433.29	685.73	1.14	478.65	7.29	0.58	40.85
May-02	2,656.9	1,888.1	354.8	2,494.0	409.42	696.57	1.12	487.35	7.26	0.54	41.49
Jun-02	2,300.4	1,458.6	333.0	2,621.8	379.09	722.21	1.15	491.77	7.49	0.53	39.06
Jul-02	2,411.3	1,593.5	351.4	2,641.4	374.50	749.23	1.10	484.88	7.60	0.55	41.89
Aug-02	2,431.2	1,656.8	352.3	2,705.3	354.35	769.87	1.05	486.68	7.12	0.56	44.86
Sep-02	2,396.2	1,622.8	317.2	2,914.1	315.17	766.30	1.05	503.47	7.18	0.54	47.02
Oct-02	2,522.1	1,709.3	359.2	2,944.5	309.25	749.38	1.06	499.47	6.95	0.54	45.68
Nov-02	2,391.4	1,576.0	322.2	2,731.7	287.96	724.98	1.13	501.38	7.09	0.55	41.75
Dec-02	2,224.4	1,339.4	372.5	2,598.4	307.19	695.33	1.13	519.43	7.23	0.56	-
Jan-03	2,612.8	1,824.0	307.1	2,404.9	324.84	680.02	1.15	549.76	7.39	0.55	-
Feb-03	2,453.2	1,639.0	301.1	2,453.6	345.58	717.26	1.15	542.89	6.96	0.54	-
Mar-03	2,692.9	1,835.6	317.8	2,905.3	317.91	746.39	1.11	502.24	6.69	0.53	-
Apr-03	2,637.9	1,851.4	302.7	2,760.5	337.28	790.20	1.05	478.37	6.56	0.50	-
May-03	-	-	-	-	318.44	772.55	1.04	490.36	6.56	0.48	-
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 10,396.8	t 7,150.0	t 1,228.6	t 10,524.4	a 328.81	a 741.28	a 1.10	a 512.72	a 6.83	a 0.52	a 40.57
% change	9.3	7.4	11.0	6.8	-21.4	4.2	-2.5	8.9	-5.4	-11.6	-1.4
Last 12 months	29,730.8	19,994.4	3,991.2	32,175.6	330.96	740.31	1.10	504.23	7.07	0.54	39.77
Previous 12	29,321.6	20,384.9	3,684.1	30,736.3	409.21	726.70	1.08	446.96	6.93	0.58	41.34
% change	1.4	-1.9	8.3	4.7	-19.1	1.9	2.1	12.8	2.1	-7.2	-3.8
% ch. year ago	0.4	-0.5	6.7	-0.7	-22.2	10.9	-7.1	0.6	-9.6	-11.1	32.9
% ch. prev mnth	-2.0	0.9	-4.7	-5.0	-5.6	-2.2	-1.0	2.5	0.0	-4.0	-8.6

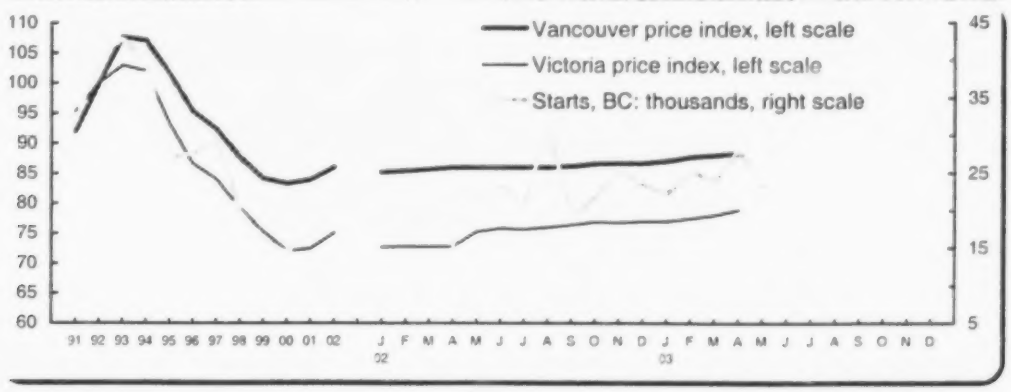




6 Construction and Housing

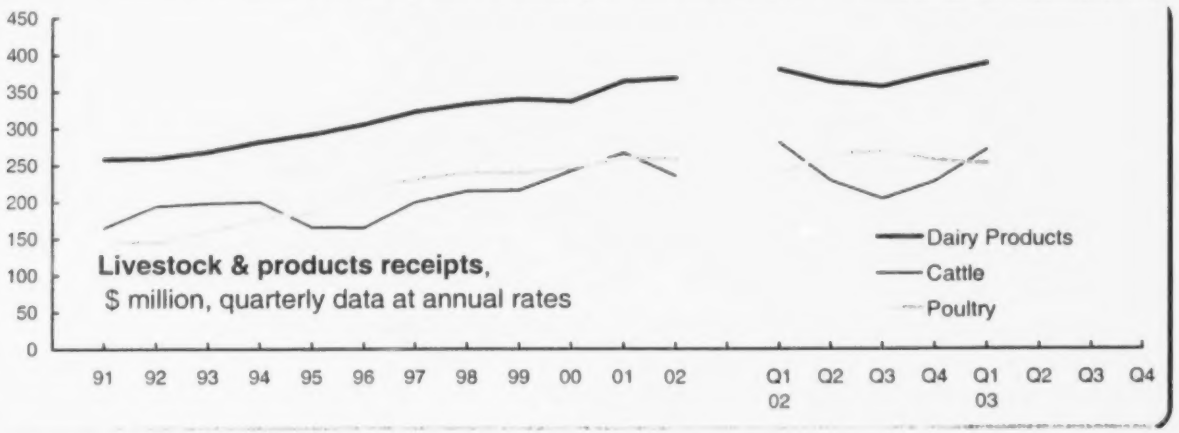
Housing Starts/Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation. MLS/Multiple Listing Service.

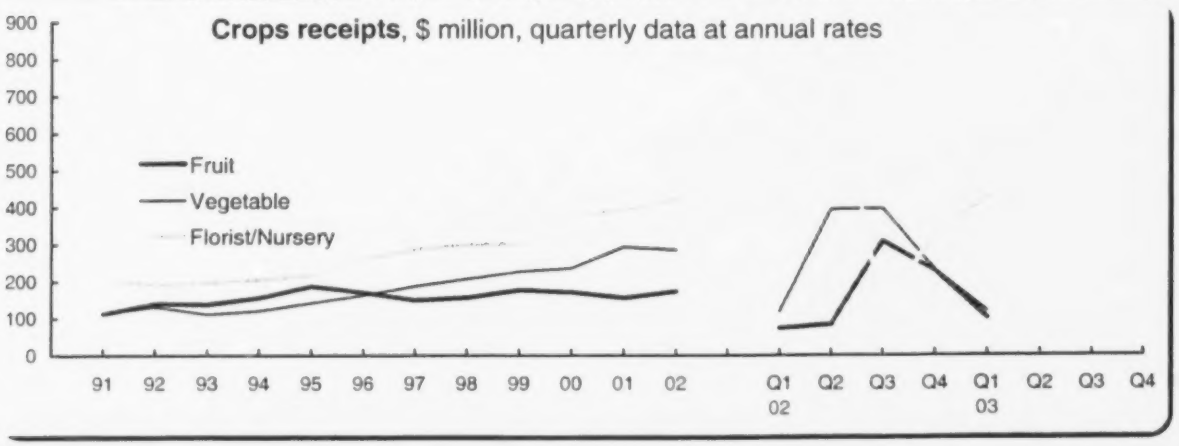
	Building Permits (Source: Statistics Canada)				Housing Starts	New House Price Index (Source: Statistics Canada)		MLS® Average Sale Price
	Residential	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Government	All Areas	Vancouver	Victoria	
	$ thousand				Thousands	1992=100		$
Period	Seasonally Adjusted				SAAR	Unadjusted		
1999	2,591,740	319,145	1,142,105	642,511	16.3	84.1	75.3	215,283
2000	2,403,140	295,525	1,297,270	496,062	14.4	83.3	72.1	216,989
2001	2,829,874	221,353	1,171,233	732,312	17.2	84.0	72.5	220,952
2002	3,888,147	230,119	1,116,741	424,408	21.6	86.0	75.1	238,758
Jan-01	255,306	13,334	106,066	40,488	18.6	83.0	72.0	212,316
Feb-01	192,025	17,744	152,825	42,311	15.7	83.1	72.3	219,457
Mar-01	220,914	34,167	105,780	35,866	14.5	83.2	72.3	220,108
Apr-01	209,409	21,389	123,401	94,240	17.4	83.3	72.3	218,326
May-01	273,919	18,884	106,136	81,775	17.5	83.5	72.4	225,365
Jun-01	252,338	16,692	112,650	62,600	18.4	83.6	72.4	220,747
Jul-01	253,825	20,184	98,679	100,429	17.5	84.1	72.6	223,208
Aug-01	222,431	20,077	89,505	50,023	15.1	84.2	72.6	222,995
Sep-01	203,800	16,860	72,013	116,597	17.6	84.5	72.5	222,817
Oct-01	292,208	17,653	75,726	49,949	19.2	84.8	72.6	218,773
Nov-01	199,559	14,551	68,478	28,268	17.5	85.1	72.7	220,346
Dec-01	254,141	9,818	59,974	29,766	17.0	85.0	72.7	226,524
Jan-02	267,208	9,047	126,551	15,140	19.9	85.2	72.7	227,278
Feb-02	298,083	7,837	70,847	28,726	17.3	85.4	72.8	239,065
Mar-02	314,262	8,965	75,508	45,184	21.2	85.7	72.8	240,277
Apr-02	355,054	40,967	90,266	30,001	15.4	86.0	72.8	241,274
May-02	280,270	13,653	76,347	45,177	21.5	86.0	75.3	240,626
Jun-02	291,375	18,780	126,673	42,078	23.5	86.0	75.8	237,494
Jul-02	295,338	44,226	83,454	40,013	20.8	86.0	75.7	232,181
Aug-02	346,185	21,649	69,729	33,380	31.0	86.0	76.0	233,105
Sep-02	302,575	13,330	105,675	35,673	19.2	86.2	76.4	241,662
Oct-02	391,734	19,862	103,331	35,024	21.9	86.6	76.9	240,719
Nov-02	321,327	19,811	98,536	33,440	25.4	86.7	76.8	245,895
Dec-02	424,740	11,992	89,824	40,572	23.4	86.7	77.0	244,004
Jan-03	361,590	18,846	140,232	36,147	22.2	87.0	77.0	242,202
Feb-03	293,940	11,044	64,194	32,484	25.2	87.7	77.5	256,430
Mar-03	440,691	10,789	77,463	26,781	24.0	88.0	78.0	252,979
Apr-03	317,444	36,554	71,208	54,802	28.1	88.3	78.9	250,071
May-03	-	-	-	-	23.3	-	-	250,522
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 1,413,665	t 77,233	t 353,097	t 150,214	a 24.6	a 87.8	a 77.9	a 250,441
% change	14.5	15.6	-2.8	26.2	28.9	2.5	7.0	5.4
Last 12 months	4,067,209	240,536	1,106,666	455,571	24.0	86.8	76.8	243,939
Previous 12	3,186,828	201,535	1,046,333	638,458	18.1	84.8	72.6	228,661
% change	27.6	19.4	5.8	-28.6	32.4	2.4	5.7	6.7
% ch. year ago	-10.6	-10.8	-21.1	82.7	8.4	2.7	8.4	4.1
% ch. prev mnth	-28.0	238.8	-8.1	104.6	-17.1	0.3	1.2	0.2



7 Agriculture

Period	Farm Cash Receipts (Source: Statistics Canada)										
	Livestock and Products					Crops					Total Farm Cash Receipts
	Dairy Products	Cattle	Poultry	Other	Total	Fruit	Vege-tables	Florist/ Nursery	Other	Total	
	$ thousand										
	Unadjusted										
1999	340,031	216,299	239,616	223,170	1,019,116	176,873	227,080	300,769	172,890	877,612	1,937,540
2000	336,977	242,423	247,310	256,878	1,083,588	170,919	235,747	377,167	168,523	952,356	2,074,488
2001	364,478	266,566	260,896	265,180	1,157,120	156,010	293,052	394,354	188,208	1,031,624	2,248,607
2002	368,630	235,613	257,753	252,481	1,114,477	173,486	285,264	423,694	213,715	1,096,159	2,241,551
Q1-01	89,594	73,614	57,828	62,446	283,482	18,179	33,153	98,587	52,097	202,016	497,003
Q2-01	91,240	64,655	67,616	54,720	278,231	21,670	94,244	192,142	39,408	347,464	631,267
Q3-01	90,438	45,545	69,162	60,362	265,507	67,190	102,324	27,189	34,913	231,616	509,029
Q4-01	93,206	82,752	66,290	87,652	329,900	48,971	63,331	76,436	61,790	250,528	611,308
Q1-02	95,023	70,276	60,131	61,121	286,551	18,408	29,572	105,923	50,994	204,897	501,066
Q2-02	90,794	57,284	66,268	49,405	263,751	21,031	98,829	206,176	37,800	363,836	630,785
Q3-02	89,238	51,048	67,293	55,010	262,589	77,122	99,132	28,157	47,016	251,427	519,767
Q4-02	93,575	57,005	64,061	86,945	301,586	56,925	57,731	83,438	77,905	275,999	589,933
Q1-03	97,255	67,831	63,225	61,469	289,780	25,278	29,878	107,349	54,465	216,970	514,621
Q2-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q3-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q4-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot. a-avg) YTD	t 97,255	t 67,831	t 63,225	t 61,469	t 289,780	t 32,154	t 29,878	t 107,349	t 47,589	t 216,970	t 514,621
% change	2.3	-3.5	5.1	0.6	1.1	25.2	1.0	1.3	8.9	5.9	2.7
Last 4 quarters	370,862	233,168	260,847	252,829	1,117,706	180,356	285,570	425,120	217,186	1,108,232	2,255,106
Previous 4	369,907	263,228	263,199	263,855	1,160,189	156,239	289,471	401,690	187,105	1,034,505	2,252,670
% change	0.3	-11.4	-0.9	-4.2	-3.7	15.4	-1.3	5.8	16.1	7.1	0.1
% ch. year ago	2.3	-3.5	5.1	0.6	1.1	34.2	1.0	1.3	7.2	5.9	2.7
% ch. prev qtr	3.9	19.0	-1.3	-29.3	-3.9	-57.3	-48.2	28.7	-26.7	-21.4	-12.8





8 Forestry & Fibre

Timber/Ministry of Forests. Lumber and Plywood/Statistics Canada.
Pulp and Paper/Pulp and Paper Products Council.

		Production					Shipments			
	Timber Scaled	Lumber	Ply-wood	News-print	Other Paper	Total Paper	Market Pulp	News-print	Other paper	Total
Period	Thousand cubic metres			Thousands of tonnes			Thousands of tonnes			
				Unadjusted						
1999	75,997	32,397.1	1,538	1,379	1,660	3,039	4,995	1,380	1,636	8,010
2000	76,984	32,352.4	1,539	1,428	1,665	3,093	5,152	1,452	1,674	8,289
2001	72,009	30,182.1	1,567	1,267	1,633	2,900	4,710	1,268	1,611	7,589
2002	73,386	33,555.2	1,681	1,171	1,749	2,920	4,493	1,165	1,732	7,391
Jan-01	5,254	2,854.8	129	128	148	276	388	128	142	657
Feb-01	9,182	3,013.0	126	114	133	247	410	111	124	644
Mar-01	10,023	2,515.2	129	116	145	261	426	119	142	687
Apr-01	7,243	2,772.4	133	113	137	250	433	115	131	679
May-01	2,617	2,751.8	135	113	138	251	394	99	132	625
Jun-01	2,406	2,728.5	139	83	130	213	411	99	133	643
Jul-01	4,230	2,230.8	139	95	130	225	419	91	124	634
Aug-01	6,370	2,357.0	119	108	142	250	351	106	139	597
Sep-01	6,570	2,468.4	136	99	127	226	365	109	130	604
Oct-01	7,432	2,329.3	141	115	149	264	387	103	153	643
Nov-01	5,350	2,300.3	131	101	143	244	343	94	133	571
Dec-01	5,332	1,860.6	110	82	111	193	383	94	128	605
Jan-02	3,366	2,811.6	144	76	136	212	318	78	129	525
Feb-02	8,011	2,753.2	129	91	133	224	368	84	125	578
Mar-02	9,078	2,662.2	138	83	142	225	394	86	141	621
Apr-02	7,434	3,139.0	145	97	139	236	391	99	132	622
May-02	2,623	2,838.0	119	107	143	250	355	94	147	596
Jun-02	2,774	2,794.9	152	98	136	234	430	112	147	689
Jul-02	4,493	2,787.2	145	106	152	258	392	107	148	647
Aug-02	5,810	2,677.3	140	98	158	256	354	100	151	606
Sep-02	6,361	2,790.2	146	104	157	261	348	99	152	599
Oct-02	6,665	3,137.0	153	109	153	262	340	104	162	606
Nov-02	8,711	2,731.8	136	98	158	256	383	96	155	634
Dec-02	8,060	2,432.8	134	104	142	246	420	106	143	668
Jan-03	5,290	-	146	107	156	263	441	104	142	687
Feb-03	9,296	-	143	95	135	230	390	90	138	618
Mar-03	10,494	-	147	107	145	252	393	110	148	651
Apr-03	4,403	-	-	106	154	260	374	100	152	625
May-03	4,929	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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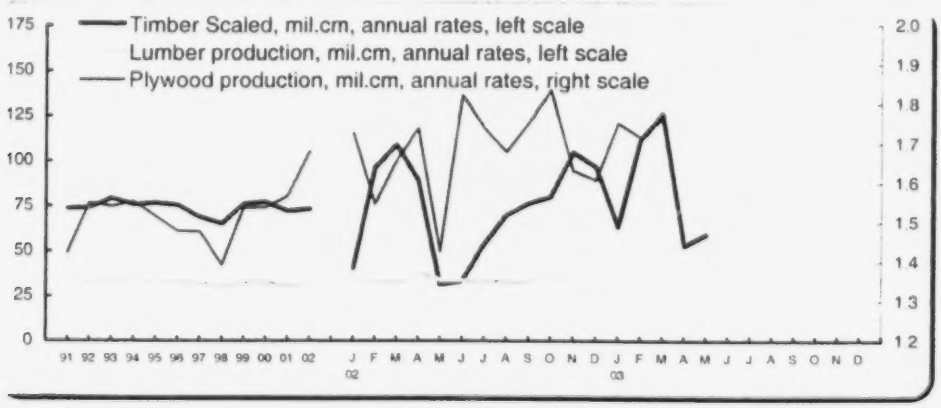
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 34,412	t 33,555	t 436	t 415	t 590	t 1,005	t 1,598	t 404	t 580	t 2,581
% change	12.8	11.2	6.1	19.6	7.3	12.0	8.6	16.4	10.1	10.0
Last 12 months	77,286	33,555	1,706	1,239	1,789	3,028	4,620	1,222	1,785	7,626
Previous 12	68,202	30,182	1,594	1,143	1,620	2,763	4,524	1,142	1,599	7,268
% change	13.3	11.2	7.0	8.4	10.4	9.6	2.1	7.0	11.6	4.9
% ch year ago	87.9	30.8	6.5	9.3	10.8	10.2	-4.3	1.0	15.2	0.5
% ch prev mnth	11.9	-10.9	2.8	-0.9	6.2	3.2	-4.8	-9.1	2.7	-4.0



9 Mining and Energy

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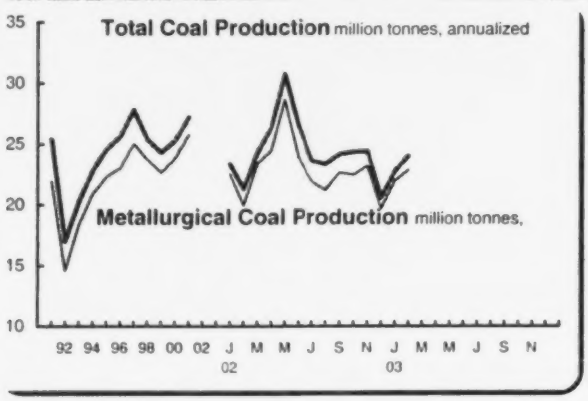
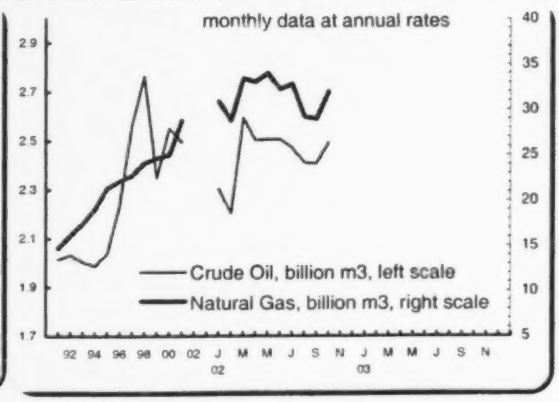
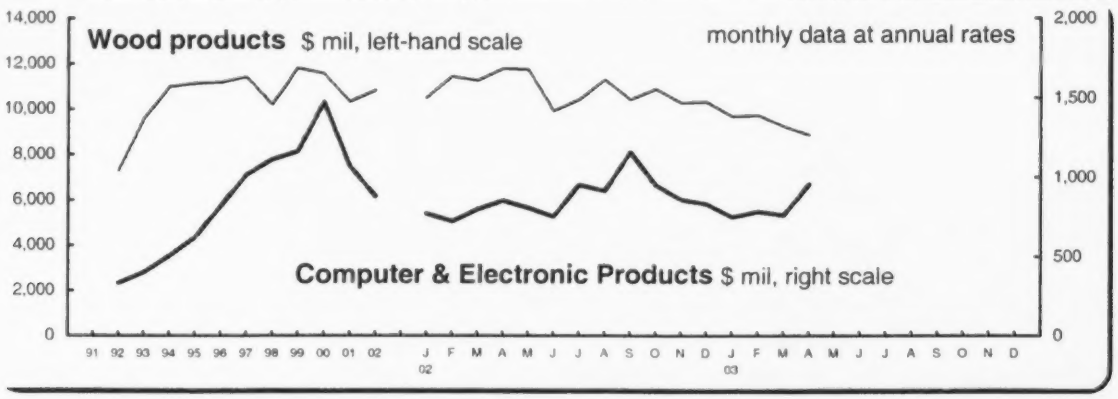
	Coal			Base Metal				Precious Metal		Energy		
Period	Thermal	Metal-lurgical	Total	Copper	Lead	Zinc	Moly	Gold	Silver	Natural Gas	Crude Oil	Electricity
	Thousands of tonnes			Million kilograms				Million grams		Million m3	Thousand m3	GW.h
	Unadjusted											
1999	1,631.4	22,670.0	24,301.5	178.2	40.3	126.2	6.3	25.0	497.3	24,635.1	2,347.6	68,044,863
2000	1,455.1	23,804.3	25,259.3	270.7	46.9	145.5	7.0	25.2	586.9	25,024.3	2,552.3	68,240,926
2001	1,442.6	25,754.2	27,196.9	275.2	35.3	108.9	8.6	23.6	604.3	28,789.4	2,495.6	57,332,112
2002	-	-	-	243.7	2.3	44.9	7.5	21.7	659.6	-	-	64,887,698
Jan-01	100.7	2,191.0	2,291.8	23.1	2.8	8.6	0.6	2.1	52.3	2,187.5	201.8	5,643,655
Feb-01	168.1	1,995.1	2,163.1	22.7	3.2	9.7	0.7	1.9	50.7	2,010.0	183.7	5,421,711
Mar-01	158.2	2,214.4	2,372.6	23.1	1.5	6.0	0.7	1.9	39.2	2,200.3	209.7	4,528,090
Apr-01	167.0	2,181.9	2,348.9	21.5	4.0	6.3	1.1	1.8	56.8	2,322.3	223.7	4,683,280
May-01	103.1	2,196.7	2,299.8	19.6	5.1	8.5	0.9	2.4	54.0	2,434.4	187.5	4,421,192
Jun-01	139.3	2,147.5	2,286.9	22.0	5.8	17.1	0.7	2.1	42.7	2,303.1	205.5	3,699,177
Jul-01	144.4	2,032.2	2,176.6	25.7	0.4	3.9	0.6	2.3	59.4	2,607.0	217.0	3,700,006
Aug-01	56.2	1,908.7	1,964.9	27.7	4.8	13.3	0.7	1.8	39.6	2,614.9	223.0	4,327,732
Sep-01	82.8	2,339.0	2,421.8	22.8	2.2	4.4	0.7	1.9	55.5	2,487.1	214.4	4,431,823
Oct-01	88.3	2,359.4	2,447.7	22.6	0.6	10.2	0.6	2.0	48.1	2,590.6	211.3	5,199,294
Nov-01	97.7	2,354.2	2,451.9	19.6	2.9	8.8	0.6	1.4	40.6	2,497.7	208.5	5,037,577
Dec-01	136.8	1,834.1	1,970.9	25.0	2.0	12.2	0.6	2.1	65.2	2,534.5	209.5	6,238,575
Jan-02	67.9	1,876.8	1,944.7	19.9	-	-	0.8	1.7	52.9	2,576.8	191.9	6,151,392
Feb-02	112.6	1,662.4	1,775.0	19.3	-	-	0.6	1.2	32.6	2,396.8	183.7	5,271,838
Mar-02	77.4	1,946.8	2,024.2	21.7	-	-	0.6	2.1	73.7	2,784.5	216.2	5,077,051
Apr-02	160.0	2,036.4	2,196.4	20.5	0.1	2.9	0.6	1.7	63.4	2,752.2	208.6	4,766,468
May-02	178.3	2,383.4	2,561.7	21.6	0.1	3.0	0.5	1.8	61.9	2,834.6	208.9	4,113,119
Jun-02	216.3	1,987.6	2,204.0	21.0	0.4	7.2	0.7	1.9	45.3	2,686.3	208.9	4,138,878
Jul-02	141.2	1,826.9	1,968.1	20.8	0.4	3.4	0.6	1.8	48.7	2,733.3	206.0	5,635,688
Aug-02	179.2	1,766.0	1,945.3	18.1	0.1	6.5	0.5	1.8	54.9	2,432.3	200.9	5,606,627
Sep-02	124.6	1,887.6	2,012.3	19.5	0.6	5.9	0.7	1.9	62.6	2,416.1	200.6	5,567,904
Oct-02	155.4	1,873.6	2,029.0	20.2	0.1	6.1	0.5	2.0	66.7	2,663.3	207.8	5,828,257
Nov-02	101.5	1,932.8	2,034.2	20.7	0.4	7.5	0.9	1.6	43.0	-	-	6,146,527
Dec-02	72.7	1,641.4	1,714.1	22.1	-	-	0.7	2.4	61.2	-	-	6,583,949
Jan-03	66.5	1,830.2	1,896.7	19.6	1.3	8.3	0.8	1.5	36.3	-	-	6,309,245
Feb-03	95.6	1,903.6	1,999.2	18.4	0.8	7.1	0.7	1.6	47.1	-	-	5,459,157
Mar-03	-	-	-	19.8	0.9	3.6	0.8	2.0	76.7	-	-	5,469,329
Apr-03	-	-	-	21.0	1.1	6.6	0.7	1.6	54.5	-	-	-
May-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 162.1	t 3,733.8	t 3,895.9	t 78.8	t 4.2	t 25.6	t 3.0	t 6.7	t 214.6	t 26,276.2	t 2,033.5	t 17,237,731
% change	-10.2	5.5	4.7	-3.2	######	782.8	16.6	-0.1	-3.6	10.6	-2.1	4.5
Last 12 months	1,568.7	23,016.3	24,585.2	242.8	6.3	65.2	8.1	21.7	658.9	31,308.4	2,451.5	65,625,148
Previous 12	1,354.3	25,107.3	26,461.7	266.4	23.8	81.3	8.0	22.7	627.7	28,080.4	2,490.0	58,238,937
% change	15.8	-8.3	-7.1	-8.9	-73.7	-19.8	0.5	-4.2	5.0	11.5	-1.5	12.7
% ch. year ago	-15.1	14.5	12.6	2.4	######	127.6	15.6	-6.3	-14.0	2.8	-1.7	7.7
% ch prev mnth	43.8	4.0	5.4	6.1	14.0	83.3	-3.9	-18.9	-28.9	10.2	3.6	0.2





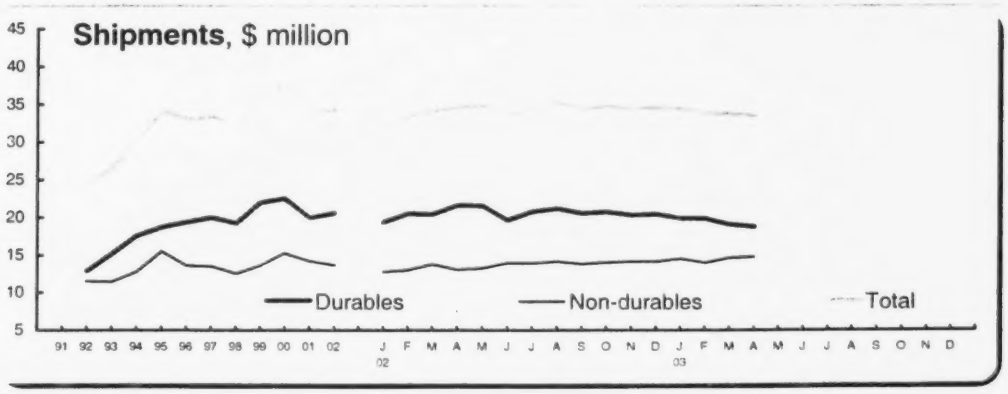
10 Manufacturing — Durables, NAICS based

	Value of Manufactured Shipments (Source: Statistics Canada)								
	Total All Shipments	Total Durables	Wood	Non-Metallic Minerals	Fabricated Metals	Machinery	Computer & Electronics	Electrical Equipment	Transportation Equipment
	$ thousand								
Period	Seasonally Adjusted								
1999	35,616,043	21,981,658	11,806,900	1,074,703	1,496,425	1,621,465	1,163,437	465,488	1,826,006
2000	37,767,533	22,501,001	11,565,797	1,074,892	1,701,357	1,772,723	1,473,178	575,943	1,602,665
2001	34,106,110	19,951,755	10,330,079	1,160,355	1,575,248	1,466,685	1,067,970	515,043	1,348,986
2002	34,236,168	20,556,818	10,830,180	1,357,210	1,609,307	1,594,173	878,535	345,393	1,283,029
Jan-01	3,018,896	1,771,819	886,387	91,849	136,886	142,465	124,518	54,908	107,998
Feb-01	2,967,184	1,746,697	869,852	86,968	134,905	143,499	123,333	54,766	109,357
Mar-01	2,956,761	1,687,044	851,775	93,518	131,726	132,169	103,069	48,571	111,141
Apr-01	2,929,079	1,730,040	884,329	92,189	133,892	134,066	104,176	47,881	121,269
May-01	2,967,239	1,748,597	912,629	96,510	129,578	120,940	108,621	49,965	114,989
Jun-01	2,878,570	1,696,075	904,704	98,982	127,998	123,337	85,541	43,115	107,455
Jul-01	2,848,338	1,734,143	913,655	97,976	134,026	122,085	96,958	41,400	118,955
Aug-01	2,801,981	1,660,877	880,167	98,194	129,758	117,450	69,539	47,357	113,580
Sep-01	2,732,842	1,607,095	856,928	96,736	130,998	113,586	65,375	35,871	103,218
Oct-01	2,703,105	1,542,410	791,180	101,695	128,631	112,460	73,538	28,888	112,497
Nov-01	2,690,212	1,543,274	777,311	102,465	131,607	107,941	66,258	33,422	137,893
Dec-01	2,672,206	1,549,296	820,100	99,994	125,596	106,937	64,838	33,981	103,756
Jan-02	2,677,644	1,612,815	874,710	102,273	131,557	108,817	64,207	30,492	96,106
Feb-02	2,791,783	1,707,663	953,170	106,689	132,851	111,128	60,112	30,747	109,372
Mar-02	2,849,295	1,701,115	937,548	98,913	125,413	129,117	66,440	29,571	101,831
Apr-02	2,884,539	1,798,121	981,526	108,478	137,452	124,125	71,101	27,564	131,877
May-02	2,901,372	1,794,284	979,186	117,187	139,711	127,383	67,277	28,278	111,267
Jun-02	2,793,577	1,632,276	827,368	112,739	137,734	132,893	62,567	25,316	112,423
Jul-02	2,891,198	1,731,590	867,609	114,838	140,731	126,088	79,400	25,659	145,027
Aug-02	2,939,186	1,762,217	941,052	118,097	143,514	137,647	76,154	28,359	95,959
Sep-02	2,861,978	1,709,605	868,536	119,246	129,230	136,518	96,557	29,360	112,061
Oct-02	2,895,850	1,727,572	906,928	112,669	130,137	143,207	79,001	27,753	87,086
Nov-02	2,868,679	1,691,574	856,477	119,112	135,531	153,541	71,558	31,104	93,648
Dec-02	2,880,562	1,702,801	859,879	127,269	133,498	155,022	69,234	30,762	95,088
Jan-03	2,867,010	1,657,510	805,577	127,229	139,098	146,538	62,310	32,216	100,930
Feb-03	2,818,446	1,654,290	810,480	127,017	143,133	149,442	65,208	32,422	89,361
Mar-03	2,808,133	1,587,459	769,583	124,105	136,671	138,947	63,195	31,813	100,348
Apr-03	2,791,999	1,561,528	737,727	118,485	133,754	139,465	79,721	28,083	95,669
May-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 11,285,588	t 6,460,787	t 3,123,367	t 496,836	t 552,656	t 574,392	t 270,434	t 124,534	t 386,308
% change	0.7	-5.3	-16.6	19.3	4.8	21.4	3.3	5.2	-12.0
Last 12 months	34,317,990	20,212,706	10,230,402	1,437,993	1,642,742	1,686,691	872,182	351,125	1,238,867
Previous 12	33,497,754	19,901,481	10,603,628	1,208,905	1,565,465	1,397,923	892,528	432,373	1,351,529
% change	2.4	1.6	-3.5	19.0	4.9	20.7	-2.3	-18.8	-8.3
% ch year ago	-3.2	-13.2	-24.8	9.2	-2.7	12.4	12.1	1.9	-27.5
% ch prev mnth	-0.6	-1.6	-4.1	-4.5	-2.1	0.4	26.2	-11.7	-4.7



11 Manufacturing — Non-Durables, NAICS based

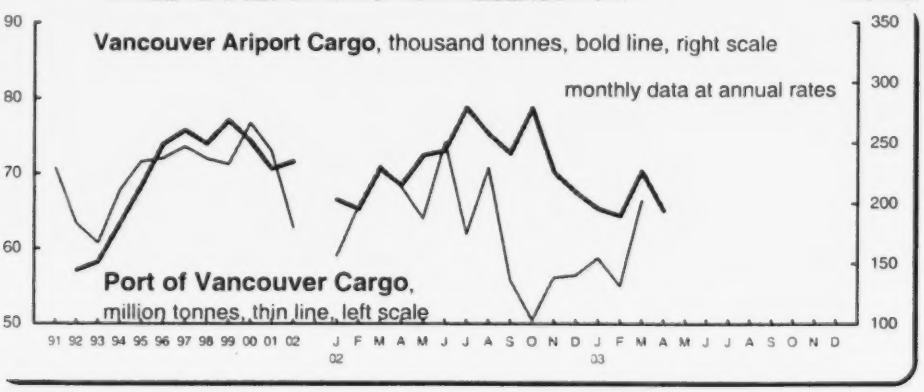
	Value of Manufactured Shipments- Seasonally Adjusted (Source: Statistics Canada)							
	Total Non-Durables	Food	Beverage	Paper	Printing & Related Support	Petroleum & Coal	Chemicals	Plastics & Rubber
	$ thousand							
Period	Seasonally Adjusted							
1999	13,634,385	3,718,121	1,006,352	5,427,506	711,152	756,207	888,458	944,614
2000	15,266,531	3,804,672	1,010,774	6,729,940	771,403	768,139	925,544	1,061,664
2001	14,154,350	4,129,844	907,714	5,422,408	681,336	792,347	1,003,995	1,039,306
2002	13,679,349	4,270,321	990,256	4,789,590	608,135	753,938	1,075,604	1,007,564
Jan-01	1,247,077	332,411	78,193	521,371	63,637	69,016	81,674	85,684
Feb-01	1,220,487	334,657	77,709	497,711	57,847	67,455	83,336	88,203
Mar-01	1,269,717	342,388	76,418	545,235	60,158	63,606	81,345	86,808
Apr-01	1,199,039	343,562	74,616	477,433	55,863	66,620	79,549	87,591
May-01	1,218,642	344,464	74,821	486,574	58,210	66,405	83,544	90,284
Jun-01	1,182,495	340,597	69,662	459,763	54,511	66,414	84,926	92,391
Jul-01	1,114,195	324,524	75,304	411,742	56,750	67,995	76,760	85,937
Aug-01	1,141,104	349,553	77,257	405,736	57,673	66,917	84,891	84,322
Sep-01	1,125,747	351,732	74,335	390,251	55,851	64,528	84,797	86,408
Oct-01	1,160,695	360,934	75,670	428,662	52,213	62,702	85,969	80,310
Nov-01	1,146,938	358,262	75,586	405,370	53,696	64,514	89,456	85,858
Dec-01	1,122,910	346,594	77,378	392,560	54,976	66,918	84,150	84,599
Jan-02	1,064,829	352,974	74,740	347,882	52,426	63,609	82,595	76,600
Feb-02	1,084,120	350,878	69,465	369,908	53,450	61,886	83,105	80,207
Mar-02	1,148,180	343,679	76,468	417,132	53,361	72,455	87,376	82,763
Apr-02	1,086,418	346,745	76,439	364,370	52,079	64,911	84,598	81,608
May-02	1,107,088	351,576	76,796	377,249	51,541	64,568	85,853	85,040
Jun-02	1,161,301	348,743	81,555	423,595	52,693	63,498	87,500	89,187
Jul-02	1,159,608	352,036	81,883	411,464	55,828	65,680	87,257	89,595
Aug-02	1,176,969	359,582	83,503	421,729	54,839	60,953	93,568	87,647
Sep-02	1,152,373	356,434	86,454	415,116	44,781	61,748	90,916	80,928
Oct-02	1,168,278	368,855	90,144	400,072	45,955	61,326	99,955	85,951
Nov-02	1,177,105	365,466	90,745	425,386	46,752	56,229	96,730	81,038
Dec-02	1,177,761	366,932	90,277	415,687	45,652	59,627	96,568	85,961
Jan-03	1,209,500	389,743	89,300	420,530	46,306	64,320	101,788	87,655
Feb-03	1,164,156	367,464	86,266	387,073	46,689	67,151	108,056	90,090
Mar-03	1,220,674	371,546	85,030	444,759	44,313	69,467	105,652	88,181
Apr-03	1,230,471	373,085	84,766	443,420	42,597	70,718	119,556	86,642
May-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 4,824,801	t 1,501,838	t 345,362	t 1,695,782	t 179,905	t 271,656	t 435,052	t 352,568
% change	10.1	7.7	16.2	13.1	-14.9	3.3	28.8	9.8
Last 12 months	14,105,284	4,371,462	1,026,719	4,986,080	577,946	765,285	1,173,399	1,037,915
Previous 12	13,596,273	4,170,936	897,125	4,879,950	655,196	789,254	1,012,167	1,011,287
% change	3.7	4.8	14.4	2.2	-11.8	-3.0	15.9	2.6
% ch year ago	13.3	7.6	10.9	21.7	-18.2	8.9	41.3	6.2
% ch prev mnth	0.8	0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-3.9	1.8	13.2	-1.7



12 Service Sector — Transportation

All data from respective ports, carriers, & authorities.

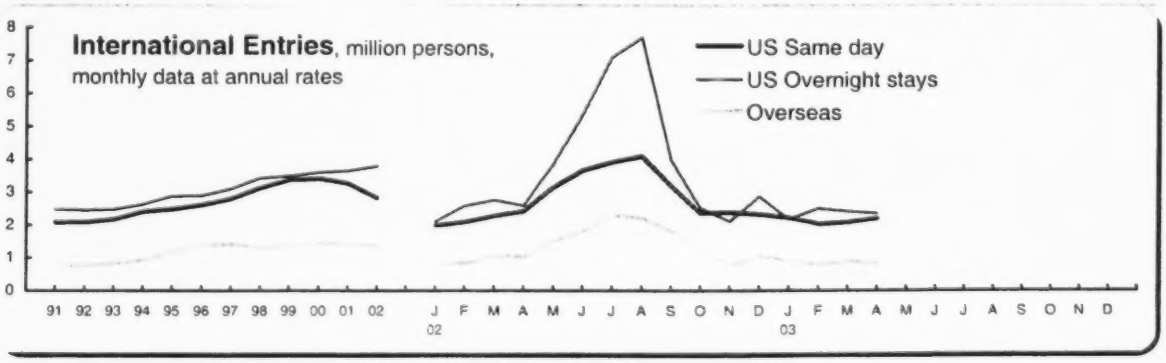
	Freight shipments				Passengers			
	Port of Vancouver			Vancouver Airport	BC Ferries			Coquihalla
	Shipping - Cargo Handled			Cargo	Arrivals/	Mainland/Vancouver Island		Hwy Pas'nger
	Foreign	Coastwise	Total	Handled	Departures	Passengers	Vehicles	Vehicles
Period	Thousand tonnes			Tonnes	Thousands	Thousands		
1999	67,079	4,133	71,214	269,130	8,314	11,211	3,599	2,378
2000	72,463	4,181	76,646	251,772	8,306	11,123	3,593	2,390
2001	68,927	4,010	72,936	228,674	7,869	11,022	3,672	2,443
2002	59,636	3,163	62,799	234,856	7,422	11,081	3,720	2,518
Jan-01	5,779	351	6,130	17,019	598	582	211	101
Feb-01	6,169	331	6,500	16,625	588	574	209	105
Mar-01	5,507	339	5,846	19,695	651	811	277	163
Apr-01	6,701	317	7,018	17,840	645	859	298	190
May-01	6,301	410	6,711	19,015	720	952	318	217
Jun-01	5,955	276	6,231	20,781	732	1,026	333	233
Jul-01	5,930	359	6,290	22,302	798	1,429	428	338
Aug-01	5,231	368	5,598	21,274	860	1,593	475	399
Sep-01	4,964	360	5,323	16,401	571	986	334	250
Oct-01	5,785	363	6,148	19,338	599	790	282	188
Nov-01	5,575	308	5,883	19,594	517	639	239	122
Dec-01	5,030	228	5,258	18,790	588	781	268	138
Jan-02	4,661	260	4,922	16,919	538	559	208	97
Feb-02	5,263	202	5,465	16,279	518	575	212	105
Mar-02	5,663	253	5,916	19,041	585	799	274	162
Apr-02	5,385	294	5,678	17,910	586	785	284	170
May-02	5,044	291	5,335	19,986	643	967	327	233
Jun-02	5,902	276	6,178	20,314	655	1,031	340	246
Jul-02	4,837	327	5,164	23,284	718	1,415	429	361
Aug-02	5,625	269	5,894	21,464	790	1,617	481	415
Sep-02	4,390	261	4,651	20,139	642	1,003	346	251
Oct-02	3,922	287	4,209	23,249	641	851	298	203
Nov-02	4,434	245	4,679	18,842	507	667	242	126
Dec-02	4,510	198	4,708	17,429	599	812	279	151
Jan-03	4,664	229	4,893	16,287	544	587	217	103
Feb-03	4,339	248	4,586	15,811	514	591	220	113
Mar-03	5,277	253	5,530	18,908	571	776	271	143
Apr-03	-	-	-	16,196	522	809	287	191
May-03	-	-	-	-	-	928	319	232
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 14,280	t 730	t 15,009	t 67,202	t 2,151	t 3,691	t 1,314	t 781
% change	-8.4	2.1	-7.9	-4.2	-3.4	0.2	0.7	2.0
Last 12 months	58,329	3,178	61,505	231,909	7,347	11,087	3,729	2,533
Previous 12	67,059	3,704	70,763	227,644	7,613	10,929	3,664	2,433
% change	-13.0	-14.2	-13.1	1.9	-3.5	1.4	1.8	4.1
% ch. year ago	-6.8	0.0	-6.5	-9.6	-10.8	-4.0	-2.4	-0.4
% ch. prev mnth	21.6	2.0	20.6	-14.3	-8.5	14.7	11.1	21.6



13 Service Sector — Tourism

Hotel Occupancy & Convention Delegate Days with permission of Pannell Kerr Forster. Airport figures from respective airports. Tourism Room Revenue, BC STATS

	International Entries Via BC (Source: Statistics Canada)					Tourism Indicators					
	US			Overseas	Total	Hotel	Trade & Convention		Tourism	Vancouver Airport	
	Same Day	Overnight Stays	Total			Occup'cy Rate	Delegate days Victoria	Vancouver	Room Revenue	Arrivals/Departures Transborder	Interntl
Period	Persons					%	Thousands of days		$ thousands	Thousands of persons	
	Unadjusted								SA	Unadjusted	
1999	3,370,153	3,491,527	6,861,680	1,407,542	8,269,222	61.7	90,833	340,633	1,329,347	4,120	3,372
2000	3,407,146	3,598,815	7,005,961	1,475,766	8,481,727	60.0	112,442	325,371	1,441,607	4,074	3,652
2001	3,257,694	3,636,824	6,894,518	1,418,018	8,312,536	59.3	86,776	296,299	1,473,355	4,000	3,608
2002	2,814,217	3,781,669	6,595,886	1,374,931	7,970,817	59.1	107,407	256,945	1,505,887	3,855	3,600
Jan-01	223,046	165,804	388,850	73,135	461,985	45.4	1,480	4,600	130,372	321	302
Feb-01	217,159	204,081	421,240	68,560	489,800	55.1	6,850	33,920	123,610	314	245
Mar-01	253,499	232,865	486,364	91,859	578,223	63.9	13,414	67,118	126,300	332	286
Apr-01	263,185	228,714	491,899	103,816	595,715	60.1	11,894	23,300	125,217	306	290
May-01	327,253	325,623	652,876	133,029	785,905	62.9	14,050	20,198	123,471	355	307
Jun-01	361,472	429,248	790,720	170,503	961,223	67.9	11,406	14,288	122,610	401	348
Jul-01	424,397	563,837	988,234	212,108	1,200,342	74.9	232	36,010	125,255	486	395
Aug-01	423,556	601,422	1,024,978	202,425	1,227,403	79.5	1,010	30,035	124,040	515	425
Sep-01	258,060	301,489	559,549	145,296	704,845	64.1	8,155	20,060	110,401	270	321
Oct-01	155,164	176,632	331,796	76,198	407,994	51.2	13,155	10,210	114,029	225	241
Nov-01	169,493	167,142	336,635	53,509	390,144	45.0	4,730	26,660	123,200	212	191
Dec-01	181,410	239,967	421,377	87,580	508,957	41.6	400	9,900	124,850	264	257
Jan-02	164,978	174,447	339,425	67,757	407,182	42.8	1,200	-	123,767	280	270
Feb-02	174,125	214,470	388,595	71,295	459,890	54.2	10,320	20,000	128,183	272	247
Mar-02	189,752	229,195	418,947	89,085	508,032	57.5	7,060	36,800	127,301	300	290
Apr-02	201,330	215,466	416,796	86,374	503,170	58.5	14,767	15,000	125,220	266	271
May-02	261,372	319,896	581,268	128,338	709,606	61.8	18,282	21,430	124,015	308	297
Jun-02	303,899	444,080	747,979	153,087	901,066	67.7	17,350	62,100	125,376	383	329
Jul-02	325,375	590,450	915,825	194,170	1,109,995	74.2	4,591	12,550	123,479	466	367
Aug-02	340,262	639,786	980,048	183,545	1,163,593	79.9	6,600	32,700	126,692	470	401
Sep-02	264,692	330,471	595,163	150,715	745,878	67.2	6,272	13,190	117,517	332	334
Oct-02	196,991	209,641	406,632	96,654	503,286	56.4	10,105	11,175	128,209	263	293
Nov-02	198,102	175,477	373,579	65,342	438,921	45.9	10,660	26,400	125,308	227	229
Dec-02	193,339	238,290	431,629	88,569	520,198	42.5	200	5,600	130,822	289	270
Jan-03	183,892	180,661	364,553	72,942	437,495	44.2	975	14,300	133,236	296	292
Feb-03	169,071	207,922	376,993	67,094	444,087	54.7	6,000	23,500	-	277	240
Mar-03	173,449	200,694	374,143	74,626	448,769	56.9	18,487	23,200	-	315	274
Apr-03	183,387	195,084	378,471	69,857	448,328	55.6	8,199	14,790	-	244	203
May-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	t 709,799	t 784,361	t 1,494,160	t 284,519	t 1,778,679	a 52.9	t 33,661	t 75,790	t 133,236	t 1,133	t 1,009
% change	-2.8	-5.9	-4.5	-9.5	-5.3	-0.8	0.9	5.6	7.7	1.4	-6.5
Last 12 months	2,793,831	3,732,452	6,526,283	1,344,939	7,871,222	58.9	107,721	260,935	1,515,358	3,870	3,530
Previous 12	3,030,990	3,638,938	6,669,928	1,395,159	8,065,087	58.3	86,485	239,161	1,466,750	3,845	3,563
% change	-7.8	2.6	-2.2	-3.6	-2.4	1.0	24.6	9.1	3.3	0.7	-0.9
% ch, year ago	-8.9	-9.5	-9.2	-19.1	-10.9	-5.0	-44.5	-1.4	7.7	-8.1	-25.1
% ch prev mnth	5.7	-2.8	1.2	-6.4	-0.1	-2.3	-55.6	-36.2	1.8	-22.4	-26.0



14 Money and Markets

All series as maintained by the Bank of Canada.

	Stock Markets		Interest Rates					Exchange Rates	
	Dow Jones Industrial Ave -Close	T.S.E. Composite 300-Close	Bank Rate	Prime Rate	Conventional Mortgage Five year Rate	Conventional Mortgage One year Rate	US Federal Funds	Average Noon Spot Rate-US$	Can. Trade Weighted Index C-6
Period	$	1975=1000	%					$ Can	1992=100
1999	10,474.8	7,059.1	4.92	6.44	7.56	6.80	4.98	1.4857	82.14
2000	10,687.9	9,607.7	5.77	7.27	8.35	7.85	6.27	1.4854	82.85
2001	10,139.9	7,731.7	4.31	5.81	7.40	6.14	3.78	1.5488	80.21
2002	9,181.0	7,036.2	2.71	4.21	7.02	5.17	1.66	1.5703	78.87
Jan-01	10,887.4	9,321.9	5.75	7.25	7.75	7.40	5.94	1.5032	82.15
Feb-01	10,495.3	8,078.7	5.75	7.25	7.75	7.20	5.50	1.5218	81.26
Mar-01	9,878.8	7,608.0	5.25	6.75	7.25	6.70	5.00	1.5585	79.62
Apr-01	10,735.0	7,946.6	5.00	6.50	7.50	6.80	4.42	1.5575	79.85
May-01	10,911.9	8,161.9	4.75	6.25	7.75	6.70	3.98	1.5415	80.73
Jun-01	10,502.4	7,736.4	4.75	6.25	7.75	6.70	3.91	1.5244	81.82
Jul-01	10,522.8	7,689.7	4.50	6.00	7.75	6.45	3.81	1.5304	81.51
Aug-01	9,949.8	7,399.2	4.25	5.75	7.60	6.20	3.52	1.5402	80.60
Sep-01	8,847.6	6,838.6	3.75	5.25	7.15	5.45	2.99	1.5677	79.01
Oct-01	9,075.1	6,885.7	3.00	4.50	6.90	4.90	2.55	1.5712	78.98
Nov-01	9,851.6	7,425.7	2.50	4.00	6.85	4.60	1.95	1.5924	78.08
Dec-01	10,021.5	7,688.4	2.50	4.00	6.85	4.60	1.77	1.5775	78.95
Jan-02	9,920.0	7,648.5	2.25	3.75	7.00	4.55	1.78	1.6003	78.05
Feb-02	10,106.1	7,637.5	2.25	3.75	6.85	4.55	1.75	1.5958	78.38
Mar-02	10,403.9	7,851.5	2.25	3.75	7.30	5.30	1.70	1.5870	78.69
Apr-02	9,946.2	7,663.4	2.50	4.00	7.45	5.40	1.70	1.5814	78.89
May-02	9,925.2	7,656.1	2.50	4.00	7.40	5.55	1.78	1.5497	80.15
Jun-02	9,243.3	7,145.6	2.75	4.25	7.25	5.55	1.75	1.5317	80.73
Jul-02	8,736.6	6,605.4	3.00	4.50	7.05	5.35	1.72	1.5459	79.53
Aug-02	8,663.5	6,612.0	3.00	4.50	6.80	5.35	1.76	1.5679	78.54
Sep-02	7,591.9	6,180.4	3.00	4.50	6.70	5.30	1.72	1.5758	78.18
Oct-02	8,397.0	6,248.8	3.00	4.50	7.00	5.30	1.79	1.5778	78.17
Nov-02	8,896.1	6,570.4	3.00	4.50	6.70	4.90	1.27	1.5714	78.29
Dec-02	8,341.6	6,614.5	3.00	4.50	6.70	4.90	1.23	1.5593	78.80
Jan-03	8,053.8	6,569.5	3.00	4.50	6.45	4.90	1.24	1.5410	79.37
Feb-03	7,891.1	6,555.1	3.00	4.50	6.60	4.90	1.24	1.5124	80.83
Mar-03	7,992.1	6,343.3	3.25	4.75	6.85	5.35	1.22	1.4759	82.83
Apr-03	8,480.1	6,586.1	3.50	5.00	6.65	5.35	1.28	1.4585	83.84
May-03	8,850.3	6,859.8	3.50	5.00	6.15	5.05	1.24	1.3845	87.81
Jun-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Oct-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(t-tot, a-avg) YTD	a 8,253.5	a 6,582.8	a 3.25	a 4.75	a 6.54	a 5.11	a 1.24	a 1.4745	a 82.94
% change	-18.0	-14.4	38.3	23.4	-9.2	0.8	-28.6	-6.8	5.2
Last 12 months	8,428.1	6,574.2	3.10	4.60	6.74	5.18	1.46	1.5252	80.58
Previous 12	9,922.7	7,510.1	3.10	4.60	7.24	5.35	2.43	1.5682	79.43
% change	-15.1	-12.5	0.0	0.0	-6.9	-3.2	-40.2	-2.7	1.4
% ch year ago	-10.8	-10.4	40.0	25.0	-16.9	-9.0	-30.3	-10.7	9.6
% ch prev mnth	4.4	4.2	0.0	0.0	-7.5	-5.6	-3.1	-5.1	4.7